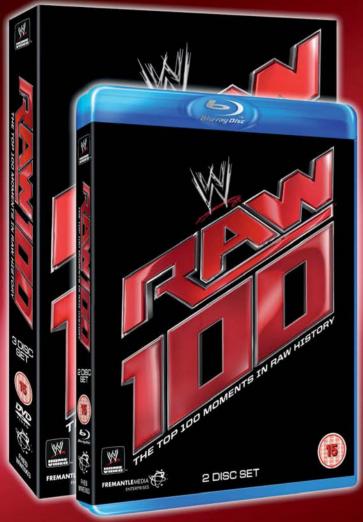
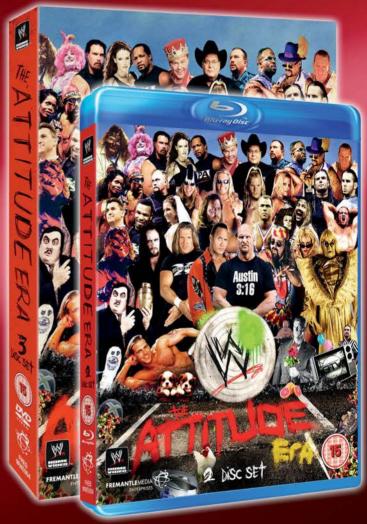


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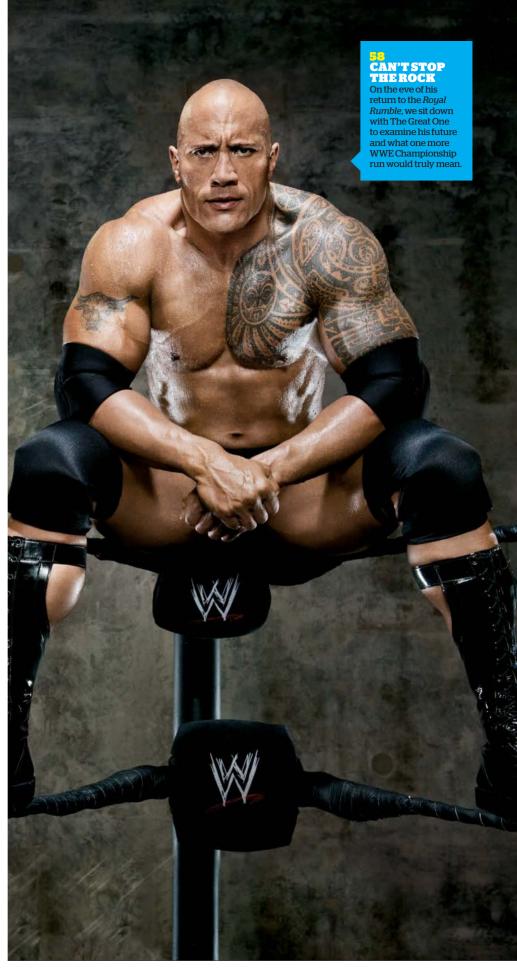


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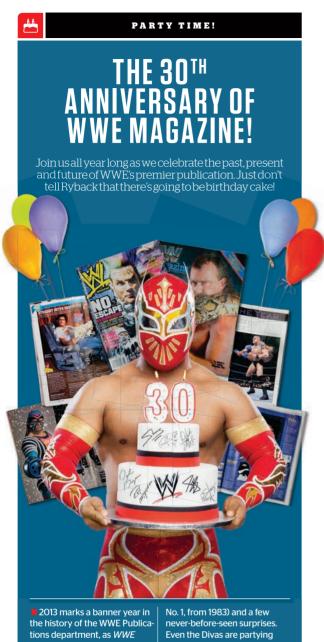
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Magazine begins its third decade in print. This means that we're older than Zack Ryder (YKI!), and we've been around longer (in one form or another) than *WrestleMania*! This issue kicks off a vearlong celebration of all things WWE Magazine. In the coming months, we're giving some shout-outs to the past, dating all the way back to our very first issue (Victory

with us—we know, we can't believe it either! Every "Diva of the Month" portrait this year will be inspired by a classic Superstar. That covers the past and the present, so what's in store for the future? Well, get your Apple, Android and Kindle Fire devices ready for something new and completely amazing. But we'll have more on that next month. For now, enjoy the party!



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# SHEAMUS vs. DAMIEN **SANDOW**

NOVEMBER 19, 2012 DAYTON, OH

Enraged by the fallout from his bout against Big Show at *Survivor Series* the night before, Sheamus came into Dayton spoiling for a fight. Unfortunately, his confrontation with Show was interrupted by Damien Sandow. The Emperor of Enlightenment challenged The Celtic Warrior, and the two engaged in a battle that was as brutal as it was balletic. Sandow fought as well as he spoke, but Sheamus scored the win, nailing The Intellectual Savior of the Masses with a Brogue Kick.

PHOTOGRAPHY BY **HEATHER McLAUGHLIN** 







# JOHN CENA vs. DOLPH ZIGGLER SMACKDOWN

NOVEMBER 23, 2012 GRAND RAPIDS, MI

Although Dolph Ziggler was initially slated to face Randy Orton only on SmackDown, he ended up brawling with John Cena to close out the show. The Viper and Ziggler battled during the main event, with The Show Off getting the win, a great victory on top of his status as Sole Survivor at Survivor Series the week prior. Sadly, the party didn't last, as Cena, angered at allegations made by Ziggler and Vickle Guerrero, ran onto the ramp and slapped a brutal STF on his new nemesis.







# ROB VAN DAM vs. GOLDUST NO WAY OUT

FEBRUARY 17, 2002 MILWAUKEE, WI

Ordinarily, we'd have to say that a contest between the technical highflier and the flamboyant Bizarre One would make for an unusual clash, if we hadn't seen it for ourselves. RVD came out strong, sending Goldust running from the ring for cover. But Goldust managed to bounce back, nailing Van Dam with a flying elbow drop and stretching him on the mat. It wasn't enough to put Van Dam down, though, and he rallied with a Five-Star Frog Splash that took Goldust out for good.







# TRADITIONAL 5-ON-5 SURVIVOR SERIES ELIMINATION MATCH SURVIVOR SERIES

NOVEMBER 18, 2012 INDIANAPOLIS, IN

Last year's Survivor Series got off to a rousing start with a classic Elimination Tag Match, pitting an eclectic team of highfliers and muscle men against the prideful Prime Time Players, Primo and Epico and Tensai. Clay and Tensai collided like a pair of Mastodons, with Tensai picking up the pinfall against Brodus, while Kidd and Gabriel launched an aerial attack against The Players, flying from the apron to take them to the floor. The move rattled their confidence, and Rey was able to take Darren Young out with a splash to eliminate him and win it all.

PHOTOGRAPHY BY CRAIG AMBROSIO









**WWE CHAM- PIONSHIP** If nothing's left on the plate, eat the plate.

2 CM PUNK Best in the World...at losing to Ryback.

JOHN CENA Try "Rising Above" his Shell Shocker.

WM MAIN EVENT It's happening. Deal with it. **WEIGHT LIFTING**Do you need to ask about this one?

THE MIZ
Tastes
awesome.

ARI
Use
onc
tem

ARM BANDS
Use em
once, toss
em aside.

#EATH SLATER
Everything
tastes better
with a little
ginger.

**9 KETTLE BELLS** Try 'em. They're full

of iron.

WHEY
PROTEIN
He'd eat it
with a spoon
(and most
likely, he
already has).

CARDIO
Probably
doesn't like
it but needs it

12 LOCAL TALENT If first and last names are interchangeable, you're his appetizer. BEARS
He looks like
one, he roars
like one, but
he doesn't
hibernate.

MARCHING When band geeks do it, it's lame. When Ryback does it, it's lethal. AIRBRUSHING
It's not just
for carnival
t-shirts.

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# RYBACK BY THE NUMBERS

Crunching the stats on WWE's giant hungry, hungry megastar.

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→ Letters in "Rutherford P.S. Hayes," who is the local competitor with the longest name Ryback defeated on the 11/6/12 Raw.

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of local competitors that Ryback has defeated, cutting his swath of destruction through WWE since his debut.



WWE Magazine tracked down vintage photos of our in-ring vets, and while their ring gear has changed and their haircuts are certainly more modern, how different is the person holding that picture today?

# PAUL HEYMAN

# What Paul Heyman of 2013 would say to the man in this photo...

"'Wow, what an amazing future you have ahead of you, sir!' I can pinpoint when this was taken: May 1992, because I not only remember the suit, but that was one of my favorite telephones. And, as you can see, it had already been damaged because I cracked it over Sting's head in Kansas City, while managing the U.S. Heavyweight Champion, Rick Rude. This was right before the dismantling of The Dangerous Alliance in WCW, so at this particular moment, I was on top of the world and, moments later, was about to face the greatest 'fall from grace' of my career up until that moment."

# What was the most important thing on your mind when this picture was taken...

"How I could keep Steve Austin under contract, because there was no doubt in my mind that he was going to become the single biggest star in the industry."

# How different is Paul Heyman then from Paul Heyman now?

"I have the same ambition, drive and passion to create and be part of something extraordinary. I'm different because I know how to channel that energy much better. And I'm far smarter than I was 20 years ago because of how many times I've gotten my tuchas kicked, and I've learned a lesson from each and every beating—whether physically, emotionally or in business. That which does not kill you not only makes you stronger, but in my household, makes you smarter and far more dangerous than Paul E. Dangerously could ever have been."

# Paul Heyman then vs. Paul Heyman now. And the winner is...

"Paul Heyman now, because I know all of that guy's strengths and weaknesses. He never got a chance to meet me."





Every 30 days, WWE Mag celebrates the roster's most malicious malcontents & all the evil machinations they've wrought on the WWE Universe by honoring them with our prestigious trophy. Say hello to this month's bad guy:

The Intellectual Savior of the Masses

# THE DAMIEN SANDOW JERK INDEX

# We're Willing To Overlook

While Sandow's far-reaching vocabulary generally has us lost in a sea of determiners and diphthongs, we enjoy hearing how The Intellectual Savior of the Masses assembles sentences with the most expensive words on the market.

# Kinda Jerkish

The downside is, Sandow tends to put those \$20-words toward degrading the WWE Universe. Calling people who support the current state of WWE the "Unwashed Masses" isn't just mean—it's bad business, college boy!

# Major League Jerk

We were prepared to accept Sandow's role as an arrogant windbag who interrupted various WWE segments with his tyrannical rants. Then he decided to take it to the next level and attempt to ruin the DX reunion at Raw 1,000. Of course, he got exactly what he deserved. But in our minds, it wasn't nearly enough.

# Total & Complete Jerk

Sandow is to fun as water is to fire. His refusal to participate in everything from matches to the "Newly-Tag Game" (Raw, 22/10/12) makes him look like a pompous, spoiled kid who storms home because he doesn't want to play your game. If there's a word for his behavior, we don't know what it is. But we're betting he does.

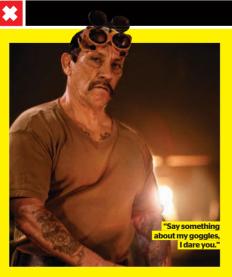
"It is obvious that the 'unwashed masses' have not heard my message. I'm simply trying to help people, and yet this wretched award is bestowed upon me. It is painfully clear that, going forward, I must speak in simpler words and slower diction to ensure that these pig-ignorant fools can understand me. This atrocity serves to strengthen my resolve—and, as for this disgrace of a trophy, you can keep it. I'll not sully the shelves of my study with such an abomination!"

What inspires the attire the Superstars wear above and below the belt? **Sin Cara** takes tradition to the next level and offers a look at his new, high-tech trunks.

# Cape & Trunks

"I want to give the WWE Universe something that identifies with my style because I'm acrobatic and a highflier. I'm using various colors because I'm with Rey Mysterio, and he changes his gear often. I like all colors—they represent something that the public can relate to. However, I always have a touch of gold to it. Right now, I'm working on some gear that's green, and I'm also looking into something that will deliver





MACHETE SPEAKS!

# **CELEBRITY SUPERFAN**

Death Race 3 and Machete's Danny Trejo on Rey Mysterio, fighting Stone Cold on film, and the one Superstar Machete might tag with.

→ Death Race 3
also features
Ving Rhames,
making this a Con
Air reunion. Who
was the toughest
guy on that set?
John Cusack. People
don't realize it, but
Cusack is a bad guy!
Benny "The Jet"
Urquidez was his
trainer, and he could
kick your head off.

→ You fought
Stone Cold in
Recoil. Any
thoughts on
battling with
Steve Austin?
When you fight
a pro, they know
how to fight. You
fight with an actor,
they're just going to
hurt you 'cause they
don't know what
they're doing!

→ WrestleMania
29 is coming up. If
you had to pick a
Superstar's
corner to be in for
that event, who's
your guy?
I'd say Rey Mysterio.
We met once. I
think it was in
Vegas. We couldn't
take two steps
without posing for
pictures with fans!

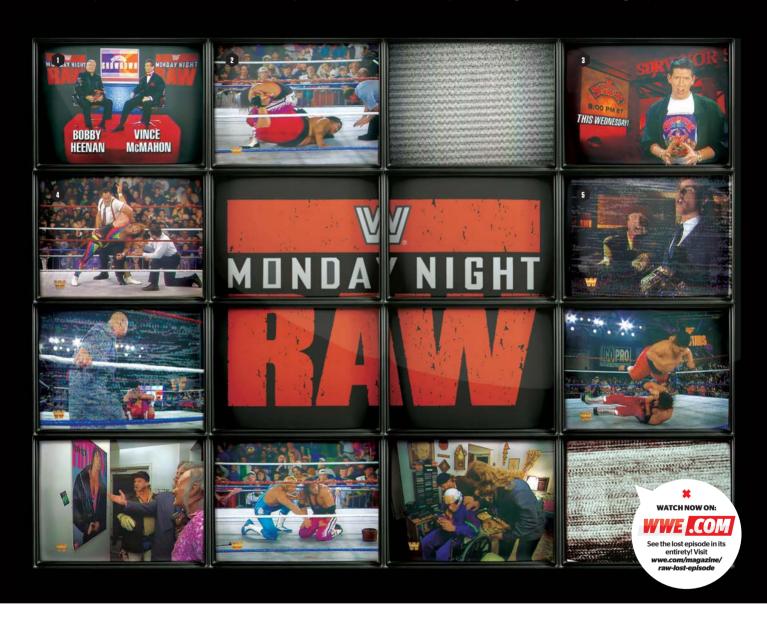
→ Machete Kills is coming out this year. If Machete had to pick a Superstar partner, whom would he choose? Either Stone Cold or Diamond Dallas Page. I did a movie with him, too (The Devil's Rejects). That sucker's in great shape.

Of course he is.
He's all about
doing the DDP
Yoga these days.
Is there any
chance we'd ever
see Machete
training inside a
yoga studio?
Yeah. Machete don't
do yoga.



# Raw, The Lost Episode?

On Nov. 22, 1993, WWE aired an episode of Raw, dubbed Episode "41," later replaced and forgotten until our video researchers leaked it to us. What did WWE brass not want viewers to see? When you check out this breakdown, you'll learn what and why. Reo Rodgers, we're looking at you!



# **Sharp-Dressed Men**

This hour of Raw opened with Vince McMahon and Bobby Heenan seated side-by-side, discussing the events leading to 1993's upcoming Survivor Series. It's a reminder to us that Mr. McMahon looks great in a tux. And was a pretty good announcer, too. If he ever wants to jump back behind the table, we'd be open to it.

# Yokozuna vs. 2 Yokuzu... Bret Hart

The night's first match featured a WMIX reprise. **Best moment: When Bret** drills Yoko with a dropkick so hard that, after getting to his feet, he walks into a ringpost. Worst moment: When a group of Hart supporters begins chanting, "U.S.A.! U.S.A.!" Ummm...kids? Bret's Canadian. Very Canadian.

# **Pettengill Speaks**

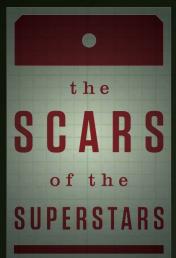
Pettengill Speaks
Following the match, viewers are treated to Todd Pettengill's Survivor Series report, which is kicked off by the most awesome early-'90s computer graphics this side of The Lawnmower Man. Todd's hairdo looks like he singlehandedly sopped up the remainder of the Deepwater Horizon spill with his head.

# **Marty Jannetty** vs. IRS

These two were on opposing teams later at Survivor Series, and we received a taste of the mayhem to come when they locked up here. The fast-paced bout offers a few jaw-droppers, such as IRS's match-ending clothesline that-we swear-spins Jannetty around a full 360 degrees.

# Saving The Saving Tile Best For Last...

HBK and short-lived WWE Superstars personality Reo Rodgers visit a phony "Hart House" in a bizarre vignette. When they get to Stu Hart sitting in a wheelchair and petting a sheep that's sporting Bret's shades, McMahon finally pulls the plug. Thus ends this (thankfully) lost hour of Raw.



Some say they add character. Others call them permanent souvenirs. And whether Superstars received them inside the ring or out, to the members of the WWE locker room, these "badges of honor" all tell stories that they (and you) are most likely never to forget.

# Zack Ryder

"When I was in high school, I had cancer. It's not something I talk about a lot because I don't want to turn it into a sympathy issue. To make a long story short, one summer I found a lump on my foot. It was a tumor and was removed, but a year later, the doctors found that it had returned in my lungs. They called the cancer a Synovial Sarcoma. The scars on my chest are from ports they inserted to put medicine into my body. It was scary. I had no white blood cells at one point, and my body couldn't fight off infection. It was brutal, and I missed an entire year of school, but I'm completely healthy now, and I've been cancer-free ever since."







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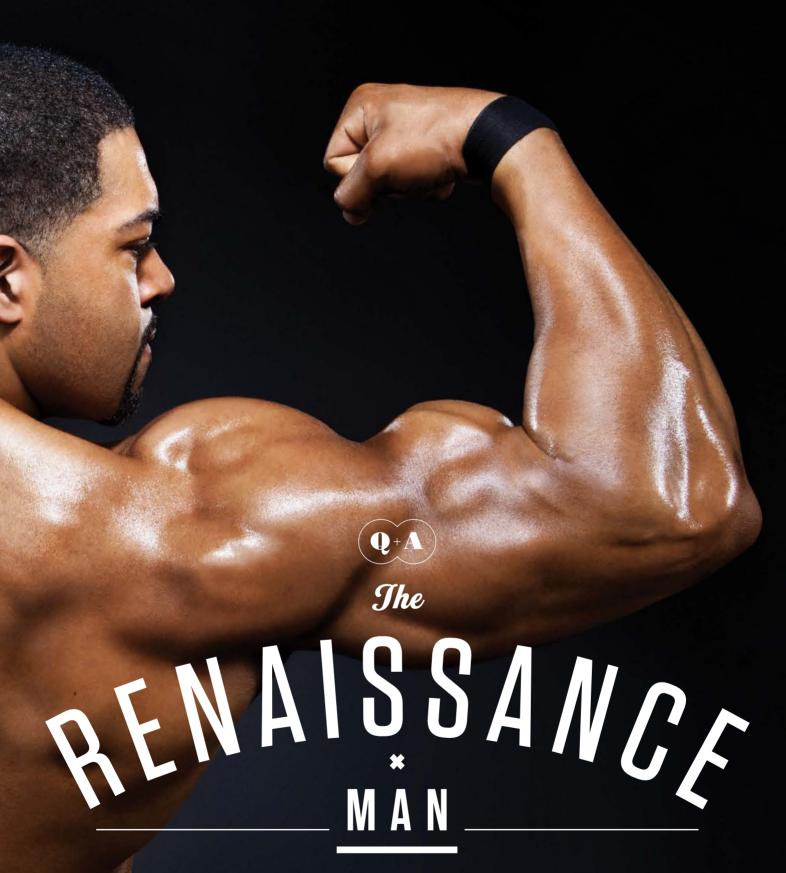


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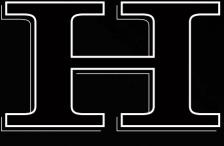




Delve deep into the mind, body and soul of quite possibly the most interesting man in all of WWE. Here, the incomparable **David Otunga** explains the untold origins of his monster physique, his endless interest in biochemistry and psychology, and how to win any argument.

BY JOHN MIHALY PHOTOGRAPHY BY JASON TANAKA BLANEY









No, actually I was quite the opposite. I was short and chubby in high school, and used to get picked on a lot because I had thick glasses and did pretty well in my classes. I remember looking around, and to me, all the other kids seemed really buff and athletic-looking. So I decided that I wanted to do something about it—to change that. One day I just started doing push-ups in my basement. Then I decided I needed to get some weights. A friend's older brother had a curling bar and those plastic weights, so I started curling every night. Then, next thing I know, about six weeks later, I was at the mall and this upperclasswoman bumps into me, grabs my arm and asks, "David, have you been working out? You've got muscles on your arms." And that was it. That's all it took. I was done. I couldn't even concentrate on staying at the mall; I had to get home to work out immediately. It motivated me that much. After that, I kicked my training into high gear, and every day I'd come home from school and work out before I did my homework. And I've carried on with that tradition each and every single day through college, through law school, and through the law firm on my

# What's your time at the gym like? Are you a guy who gets down to work or spends a lot of time admiring himself? Because our travel schedules are so busy,

my workouts are shorter, but they're very efficient. I go in and I give myself one intense hour. I start at zero, and 60 minutes later, I'm spent. I take very short rest periods between exercises and sets. That keeps my heart rate up, which is a good way of doing cardio at the same time. I do pretty much a bodybuilder workout focusing on one particular body part or two a day. With the profession we're in, you never know if your muscles are going to be sore that day. But your arms might be sore from the match the night before, so you'll be forced to work on your legs instead. This is my favorite thing to do. I look forward to going to the gym. It's rare that I take a day off because I like it so much. But I know I need to rest. I literally plan my entire day around the gym. Even on my off-days, when I fly home and land in Chicago, first thing in the morning after about three hours of sleep the night before on my way home, I go straight to the gym and do squats. It's the hardest workout of the week, and I'm completely exhausted. Then I'm free the rest of the day to spend time with my family.

# Does David Otunga have an inner-nerd?

This isn't such a surprise, but I enjoy watching court cases and following the minute details within them. I actually order old court cases to watch. Before I became a lawyer, in college I was pre-med, and a psychology major. I'm always reading up on the human brain, memory and our cognitive abilities. I was also big into biochemistry. Now that I'm into the gym, I like to know how things work in terms of nutrition and protein and complex carbohydrates. To the average person, that's very boring and, even to me at the time, it was boring, but now I have a better appreciation for it. My mind is more mature.

# What has David Otunga learned in WWE that no Harvard Law class could have taught him?

How to entertain people. I've learned so much from WWE that I couldn't have learned in a law class, and vice versa. So I get the best of both worlds. As a lawyer, if you're on a jury trial, it really comes down to it being a performance and a competition. The jury ends up picking which lawyer they believe. It's really whose performance they liked better. Attorneys have to build a good rapport with the jury. You're actually up there giving promos. Your opening statement is a promo. Your closing statement is a huge promo, and when you're cross-examining someone, it's a promo on the fly.

# Tell us then, what do television shows get wrong about lawyers, and trials in general?

When a person confesses and gets broken down in court. That never happens like it does on Perry Mason. Often cases are settled on a plea bargain. That's still a win. If you know your client is guilty, then that's a losing case. However, if you can get a reduced sentence or a plea bargain, then that's a win for you. That's what it's really all about. People ask me why I like being a defense attorney so much. Well, it's because often someone will be charged with something minor but they're facing potentially huge penalties. I believe the punishment should fit the crime, and it's my job to make sure that they receive the appropriate sentence.

# What's the key to winning any argument?

Believe in what you're saying, whether it's true or not. Preparation and being genuine and a certain amount of acting will get the job done.

# What kind of argument would you make regarding the in-ring accomplishments of your fellow NXT and Nexus brethren?

I think everybody has been doing great. We pretty much are the new top guys of WWE. We're all here now. Ryback just contested a championship match, and he's got another one coming up. Daniel Bryan has been a champion before and Wade Barrett is well on his way. Heath Slater has his own crew now. I just filmed my first movie with Halle Berry. I think it all turned out better than we planned.

# Does "Superstar Court" still happen in the locker room? We've heard tales of justice being meted out to offending talent.

It hasn't happened in a long time, and it certainly hasn't happened since I've been on the roster. I'm kind if disappointed, actually. I wanted to see it or be a part of it. Maybe I could be the judge. I think people understand the rules better these days. The veterans now are young guys.

# Finally, you've been very outspoken about your love for Arnold Schwarzenegger. You've followed him into bodybuilding and film. Could politics be in David Otunga's future?

Oh, definitely, I see that in my future. I've been saying that, in 2028, I wouldn't be surprised to see a presidential run. Think of the last guy who was a lawyer from Illinois who graduated from Harvard Law School and also worked at the Sidley Austin law firm—he's also the current President of the United States. So why not?



# *WWE Magazine's* 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration!

This year, we honor a major milestone in this tome's history. Each month, we'll be looking back at some of our favorite stories from our venerable publication's first three decades. **Happy Birthday to us!** 

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## Caught In The Act WWE Magazine; Feb 1988

The back pages of early magazines always featured the funniest, most unique Superstar photography, Here, "Mean" Gene Okerlund gets a glimpse at life on the other side of the camera Judging by his smile, it's probably not Adrian Adonis.

# Max Moon: WWE's New-Wave Wrestler WWE Magazine; Feb. 1993

Could you believe that WWE Magazine devoted four pages to this intergalactic competito? By the time you finished this feature on Max Moon, he'd been long gone from WWE back to a galaxy far, far away.



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# On The Road (with John Cena)

WWE Magazine; Feb. 2008
Go under the hood of the Cenation Leader's 1969 Chevy
Camaro. We couldn't determine, however, if this one turns into
a Transformer. But one thing is certain: If John Cena tells you
not to touch his car, you Don't. Touch. His. Car!

## Brock Lesnar—Superstar Of The Year WWE Magazine; Feb. 2003 The Next Big Thing was a hit with mag editors who

The Next Big Thing was a hit with mag editors who celebrated the Superstar's record-breaking rookie season, continuing a long tradition of WWE Magazine staff picking winners when we see em. Max Moon excluded.

## Fantasy Warfare—Ric Flair vs. Shawn Michaels Raw Magazine; Feb. 1998 A decade before the legendary WrestleMania match oc-

A decade before the legendary WrestleMania match occurred, Raw Magazine pondered what might happen if The Nature Boy met The Heartbreak Kid. Also, this magazine features a poster of HBK so risqué we can never show it again.







# **Superstar Groundhog Days!**

When February 2<sup>nd</sup> comes to mind, we don't think of Punxsutawney Phil, we think of the classic 1993 Bill Murray flick. With that in mind, we asked Superstars which day from their WWE careers they would live over and over again and why.





# DAMIEN SANDOW

myself and trying to enlighten all with my inexhaustible wisdom I would like to relive this day as, in that moment, I was blissfully unaware of the depths of your collective stupidity.



# **DERRICK BATEMAN**

"The double date I went on with The Bellas. I got paid to go on a date with twins and my hest friend I was dressed to the nines, and I made a huge scene in a public place, which is mu favorite thing to do."



# **DOLPH ZIGGLER**

"My 2011 Royal Rumble match against Edge for the World Title." had been a travel buddy with Edge and learned a lot from him, and we tore it down that night That night evenuone saw me as a World Champion.





# KOFI KINGSTON

point when I legitimately felt I had made it. It was a nice long match, and I was able to do a lot of things, Plus, Money In The Bank is always something spe cial. You can't replicate that



# TED DIBIASE

"WMXXVI, when I wrestled Cody and Randy. Just the feeling I got that day, walking into that huge arena, soaking up the feeling, dumfounded that this huge place was going to be full in just a few hours.



# **ZACK RYDER**

"When I won the U.S. Championship at 2011's WWE TLC. It was the culmination of a whole year of hard work. My dad was there. The Big O was there. It was just magic. Every time I watch it now I get goosebumps.



reaction, all the hype. I was supposed to be this vicious monster, and suddenly I came out with the girls and the dancing, the pyro, my pants getting torn off. It completely threw everyone for a loop. And, if it were Groundhog Day, I would do a different entrance every time, with different outfits and whatnot, just to keep everyone guessing. One day I'd come out as a sheik; the next dau I'd he an accountant. Just keep shocking the world over and over again

# FREE ADVICE

# YES, NO, MAYBE SO?

Unsure of the proper etiquette that Superstars should employ, inside the ring and out? Let our simple, threestep guide en lighten you.

# THE ISSUE: AJ LEE'S CRUSHES

You'd have better luck avoiding stepping in a mess during a Kennel From Hell Match than weighing in on the men in AJ's life, but here's our take on the boy-crazy Diva. Disagree? Hit us up on Twitter: @WWEmagazine.









# Fantasy Warfare

21 of the previous Royal Rumble winners are thrown into the ring together to determine who's the king of the biggest (literally) match in WWE history.

ILLUSTRATION BY **JOELLE BRITO** 

# 1."HACKSAW" JIM DUGGAN

Won Rumble In: 1988

Can lightning strike twice for the inaugural Rumble winner?

# 2. HULK HOGAN

**Won Rumble In:** 1990,1991 The first two-time Rumble winner

and this bout in a stranglehold before departing for WCW.

# 3. ALBERTO DEL RIO

**Won Rumble In:** 2011

Del Rio won the largest Rumble in WWE history—a 40-man gauntlet.

# 4. RIC FLAIR

**Won Rumble In:** 1992

Flair won the Rumble with the

WWE Title on the line. When the stakes are highest, Flair delivers.

# **5. REY MYSTERIO**

**Won Rumble In:** 2006

There's no greater challenge than the Rumble, and it's a test that Mysterio has navigated perfectly.

# 6. EDGE

**Won Rumble In:** 2010

This man knows how to win a big match...by any means necessary.

# 7. SHAWN MICHAELS

**Won Rumble In:** 1995, 1996 HBK holds records for most Rumble eliminations, and most Final Four appearances with five.

# 8. BRET "HIT MAN" HART

**Won Rumble In:** 1994

Hart's arguably the best-conditioned and skilled wrestler WWE has ever seen. His stamina is at a premium in this bout.

# 9. RANDY ORTON

**Won Rumble In:** 2009

The Viper is a slippery Rumble competitor, and always happens to find himself in the Final Four.

# 10. BROCK LESNAR

**Won Rumble In:** 2003

Lesnar dominated his only Rumble. But judging by his 2012, odds are Brock's path of destruction is not yet complete.



# 11. THE ROCK

**Won Rumble In:** 2000

The People's Champion showed that he wrestled as well in 2012 as he did in 2000. So chances are still good for The Brahma Bull.

# 12. SHEAMUS

**Won Rumble In:** 2012

Can Sheamus somehow Brogue Kick his way through 20 competitors? Definitely, fella!

# 13. LEX LUGER

**Won Rumble In:** 1994

The Lex Express had to share a victory in 1994 with The Hitman. That's motive enough to enjoy a solo win his second time around.

# 14. MR. McMAHON

**Won Rumble In:** 1999

The Chairman's Machiavellian ways mean he can't be written off.

# 15. YOKOZUNA

**Won Rumble In:** 1993

Yoko will definitely require more than one Superstar to toss him.

# 16. TRIPLE H

**Won Rumble In:** 2002

The Game's eight appearances offer him a veteran advantage.

# 17. BIG JOHN STUDD

Won Rumble In: 1989

Taller stars like Studd are always heavier and harder to eliminate.

# 18. BATISTA

**Won Rumble In:** 2005

If throwing foes over the top rope is the goal, Batista can do it easily.

# 19. JOHN CENA

**Won Rumble In:** 2008

The most dominant Superstar of any era will be there at the end.

# **20. STEVE AUSTIN**

**Won Rumble In:** 1997, 1998, 2001 The man to beat—Stone Cold is the most successful Rumbler ever.

# 21. UNDERTAKER

**Won Rumble In:** 2007

With 10 Rumbles to date, there are few bigger threats than 'Taker.

# Analysis: The Final Four

We'll cut to the chase here: At the end of this match, we expect to find John Cena, Shawn Michaels, Steve Austin and Brock Lesnar still battling it out in the ring. But of these four. Cena and Lesnar have by far the most unfinished business stemming from their Extreme Rules match. Look for that rivalry to be a distraction here, allowing the Texas twosome of Michaels and Austin to eliminate the pair, setting the stage for the WWE Hall of Famers to face off. With The Heartbreak Kid and Stone Cold left alone in the ring, it's a coin toss. But it's a flip we think The Bionic Redneck will win, dumping Michaels to the outside for an unprecedented fourth Rumble victory.









Keeping the WWE machinery turning is a task that falls to a number of individuals whose work often goes unheralded. Until now.

TOM STEWART

FREELANCE
CAMERA OPERATOR

WITH WWE SINCE: 1996

# Behind the lens...

"The main camera I run is the Steadicam. It goes around the ring, up and down the ramp during entrances, exits, and when ruckuses head out into the audience. If I'm running along the crowd or up to one of the Superstars, I make sure it stays in very cloud-like form, floating and seamless. It creates a feeling that

you're right there with them and involved. My main job is to make sure we don't miss anything by the ring while the action is going on."

# Experience equals anticipation...

"I've been doing this so long that often I can anticipate the moves that will most likely happen next. I get to know the Superstars and their style. If I see someone in a certain position, I know that, say, CM Punk is more likely to do something one way as compared to Sheamus, who will do it another way. Sometimes, of course, they will still surprise me! But I use my experience to prepare for that next shot, so I can be set up and make sure everyone at home has as great a view as I do."

# In between the action...

"I've been kicked a few times, and we've had a couple of our guys get knocked down in the middle of a match. The Superstars are going full tilt all the time; they're working hard and we need to be out of their way. It's their ring. It's their prerogative to do whatever they're going to do and we have to make sure we're not hindering their movements. I've been knocked off the ramp and come into contact with a few things over the years, but it's part of the job."

# Viewing audience...

"Members of the WWE Universe truly enjoy and appreciate what we're doing. I've been told hundreds of times down by the ring that I have the greatest job in the world. People in the crowd want to be on television, and I've always understood that. They're always excited—and they're sad, especially if their favorite Superstar doesn't win. They're not happy about it. They're usually a joy to be around, really tremendous fun to be around, and great to interact with. They love it—just like we do."

# Bigger better picture...

"We're actually going to get new

cameras in March. Top-of-the-line HD models that are available for broadcast TV, and with these, there will be a big difference in picture quality. We just added a new steady a year ago. This one creates a beautiful shot, especially for the pyrotechnics. And when I whip around one of those, it really shows off the arena and how many people are having a good time watching our Superstars put on a great product. It's always been exciting to get updated over the years."

# His best moment...

"There's no way I could give you just one moment because there's a thousand. It makes me so glad and proud that I've been working here so long. Every person that I've had the pleasure of working with at WWE, there's not one whom I don't consider a part of my family. From Mr. McMahon all the way down. When I go into work, there's never anything that I don't want to do. It is, and always has been, a genuine pleasure to come to work."

# The Case For WWE Instant Replay

WWE doesn't have red flags, coaches' challenges or anything else that amounts to instant replay, as in many other competitive sports—and Teddy Long can't be expected to see everything, playa. If WWE did, here are a few match outcomes that might've been altered with a second look "under the hood."

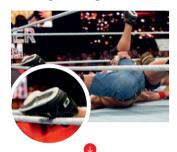


# WWE MOMENT

# CM Punk vs. John Cena

SummerSlam 2011

Guest ref Triple H couldn't see Cena's foot on the rope to break the winning pin in this match for the Undisputed Title. A second look might've prevented a Kevin Nash run-in that allowed Alberto Del Rio to sneak awau with WWF gold.





# SPORTS EQUIVALENT

# Jim Joyce blows Armando Galarraga's perfect game

This wasn't iust a mistake: this was a perfect game. That's what made Joyce's blunder so terrible. Just like The Game's miss cost Cena's shot at history, Joyce's derp kept Galarraga's name out of this fraternity.

# **WWE MOMENT**

# Shawn Michaels vs. Bret Hart Survivor Series 1997

Excluding the "screwjob" part of this match, an officials' conference could've easily determined that <mark>Hart n</mark> out to Michaels and the bout never ended If they had, Hart still would have left WWF, but maybe not in disgrace





# SPORTS EQUIVALENT

# The "tuck rule" game

The most divisive football decision in history-but whether it's an incomplete pass or a fumble that Tom Bradu made against the Raiders, this debate will come up every single time another quarterback coughs up the football during a sack

# **WWE MOMENT**

## Shawn Michaels vs. The British **Bulldog Davey Boy Smith** In Your House 8:

Beware of Dog 1996

Two refs called this one for HBK and Rulldog respectively, after b were down. Even Clarence Mason could tell that this was a sham.



# **WWE MOMENT**

# The 1994 Rumble Match

Royal Rumble 1994

You can't see who hits first when Luger ar Hart tumble over the top rope, so no one <mark>t</mark> when Luger and truly knows if a knee or a foot landed on the floor before the other. We're sure Yokozuna would've liked a decisive end—ultimately he had to face both at WrestleMania X.







# SPORTS EQUIVALENT

# Monday Night Football's "simultaneous catch"

When Golden Tate "caught" a Hail Mary pass from Russell Wilson at the end of a game against the Packers, one ref called the play a catch; the other called it a touchback. Football fans called it a giant mess.



# SPORTS EQUIVALENT

## **Bud Selig calls the** All-Star Game at a tie 9/7/02

Not an ump error. iust a travestu. Without any pitchers left, Bud Selig ordered the game to end as a tie, leaving everyone in the stadium wondering if the only thing they'd paid for was a performance from Anastacia

# ANTISOCIAL MEDIA

# TWEETS OF THE MONTH: WADE BARRETT-STYLE!

→ Our favorite verbal "bullhammers," from the ever-firing mouthpiece of WWE's Barrett Barrage.

# @WadeBarrett

Brits: Thanksgiving is about eating and drinking for the entire day (except for @WWESheamus who gets put to bed after one pint).



# @WadeBarrett

And I haven't forgotten that I owe @real-MickFoley a slap for having The Miz bully me in his new Xmas book. The bloody cheek of it.







# @WadeBarrett

Just played the new #WWE13 from @**WWE** Games. I was dreadful and lost to Cody. Cracking game, though. Out tomorrow.







# @WadeBarrett

Having a great time in Egypt. Yesterday, the Pyramids. Today, hitting the beach like a greased-up cougar from the planet Big-Bollocks.









# Eve's Guide To A **Sweeter Holiday!**

"Guys need to stop being reluctant about going to the spa, because once you're there, you won't regret it. You'll get over any awkwardness fast. The spa experience is unlike anything else, and if you let yourself go, you'll show her that special something: that you're comfortable anywhere, and it's a maior turn-on."

Think outside the candy box, and let the Special Assistant to the SmackDown GM plan this year's Valentine's Day for your gall

# **MAKE IT PERSONAL**

**10:00 A.M.**Find a scenic spot—some place that's important to you both as a couple and grab the camera to snap a picture of the two of you. Then open up your laptop and go to snappyphotogifts.com, a site that allows uou to "tag" her permanently on created lockets, Christmas ornaments, or much more. She'll always be able to look back on that day fondly:

"I love pictures of myself! And people don't pull out photos anymore, anyway, so you can put those pictures into her everyday life. It's special, and better than staring at a computer.'

# HOMEMADE CARD 2.0

Looking to bust out the big guns right from the get-go? For a personalized gift, go to lovebookonline.com. and create a unique, fun and romantic story about the two of you using their gigantic library of designs and templates! She'll have fun getting it; you might even have fun making it! Maybe...

"Personalization is always best. And this way you'll avoid standing around the Hallmark aisle reading the same cards you read last year. Better yet, you won't give her the exact card you gave her last year.

# TAKE A RISK!

**1:00 P.M.**Get her blood pumping by planning something exciting; like skudiving or ziplining. Xperiencedays.com has thousands of ideas to jump off from!

"I think it's a time for you to step up as a man, and take the lead. It'll be an experience that you get to share together, and alwaus remember."

# INDULGE YOUR DIVA

**4:00 P.M.**Nothing makes her happier than feeling like she looks her absolute best—especially before a date! Get couples massages or hit the spa together. Spafinder.com is a great guide to get you started!

# PLAN AHEAD

Thinking ahead will impress your girl, and keep you out of the doghouse! Opentable. com not only makes securing reservations a snap, but each restaurant has detailed reviews and downloadable menus for your convenience.

"Two things I don't like: a man who can't plan. and waiting around to eat. Don't make either of these critical mistakes.



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#### WADE BARRETT— ART COLLECTOR

Whether it's a "souvenir" or a "bullhammer," Wade Barrett's new finisher should just be called brutal. But I was stunned to learn in your February interview that he's mellowed in his age. Is there any other evidence attesting to the Brit's "maturation"?

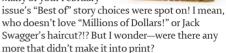
Actually, Jonathan, turns out Wade Barrett's developed quite a penchant for collecting art. Fancy, we know, but we'll let him explain:

"While on tour in Egypt, I bought a painting depicting the mythology of what happened when the rulers died. They would cut out their hearts, and weigh them

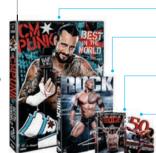
against the feather of justice. If the heart was heavier, then that ruler was a had king, and would be remembered thus. If the heart was lighter, they would build a pyramid in his honor. I thought it was cool and the painting fits in well at my house.

#### The Best Of WWE!





We did have smaller awards we thought to give, such as "Best DVD Release of 2012." So we put that one to you, the WWE Universe on Twitter. Here's how you voted...



63% CM Punk Best in the World

22% The Epic Journey of Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson

7% You Think You Know Me? The Story of Edge

6% 50 Greatest Finishina Moves in **WWE History** 

1% Other



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Q: Santino Marella. What is the best way to break the ice when meeting someone for the first time?

"I usually tell the person that it's a pleasure tomeetme. If this person doesn't laugh, then the conversation doesn't usually continue. It worksnearly100 percent of the times."



#### WOULD YOU WEAR THIS?



#### → SMOKING-HOT DIVA TEES!

At WWE Mag, we like our T-shirts constructed with a 50/50 cotton-irony blend—equal parts comfort and hilarity. Sometimes we end up making our own based on our favorite Superstars, just like this one, a very literal tribute to The Dragon.

LET US KNOW "WOULD YOU WEAR THIS?" T-SHIRT BY HITTING US UP ON TWITTER @WWEmagazine, OR VIA EMAIL: INFO@WWEMAG.COM.

#### ARTISTS' CORNER

#### **FAN ART OF** THE MONTH

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#### HEY, PICASSO!

Wanna see your artwork in *UK WWE* Magazine? Send your doodles of Superstars to INFO@WWEMAG. COM & we might publish 'em! Turn to page 95 for more details on how to submit your sketch. What are you waiting for? Get drawing!





MARY L.

## **PPV Photo Special**

### TLC 2012

#### Brooklyn, New York



2012 was a remarkable year for the WWE, with new Superstars making their name and older icons facing the toughest challenges of their careers. *Tables, Ladders and Chairs 2012* was the final PPV of the year and saw the trend continue, as devastating stable The Shield made their PPV debut and John Cena took on ambitious Superstar Dolph Ziggler. We were left with plenty to talk about in the wake of all the action, with tables smashed, ladders used as battering rams, and even a giant chair making an appearance.

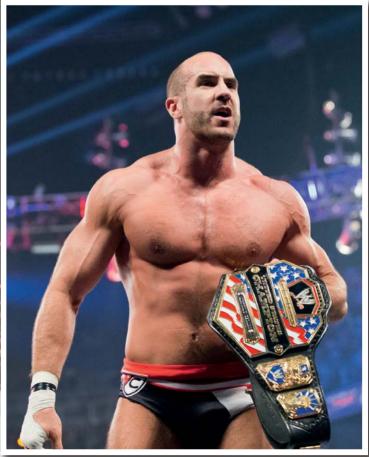


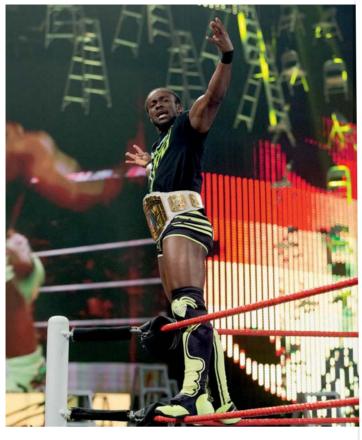




















## THE SHIELD vs. TEAM HELL NO & RYBACK

For many of Ryback's growing legions of fans (not to mention Team Hell No's loyal following), this match could well have been the main event. And it would have earned that slot, as we got a thrilling vision of just how great a team The Shield could turn out to be, whilst also seeing some incredible wrestling from Daniel Bryan and Kane. As for Ryback? Well he did what he does, becoming a human wrecking ball that had to be seen to be believed! We witnessed some unforgettable things in this match, from Kane being put through the ringside barriers by a Spear from Roman Reigns to Ryback pushing Seth Rollins through four tables off a tall ladder. A powerbomb on Bryan off the second rope and through a table  $\,$ was what ultimately settled it, but this match made real stars out of all of these Superstars.











## BIG SHOW vs. SHEAMUS

These two titans first went to war for Big Show's title at Hell In A Cell, and both entered the ring here determined to settle the rivalry once and for all. To that end, Big Show employed a secret weapon: a giant, oversized chair! But first he had to take a real pounding from Sheamus, who targeted Big Show's legs early on. When that wasn't working, the Irish Superstar settled for Plan B: a ruthless White Noise onto the chairs! The Celtic Warrior had fire in his eyes, and tried to set up the Brogue Kick to take the champion out for good - only to be met by the Knockout Punch. That's when Big Show brought his own Plan B into the match, and a single blow from the huge chair was enough to take Sheamus out for good.







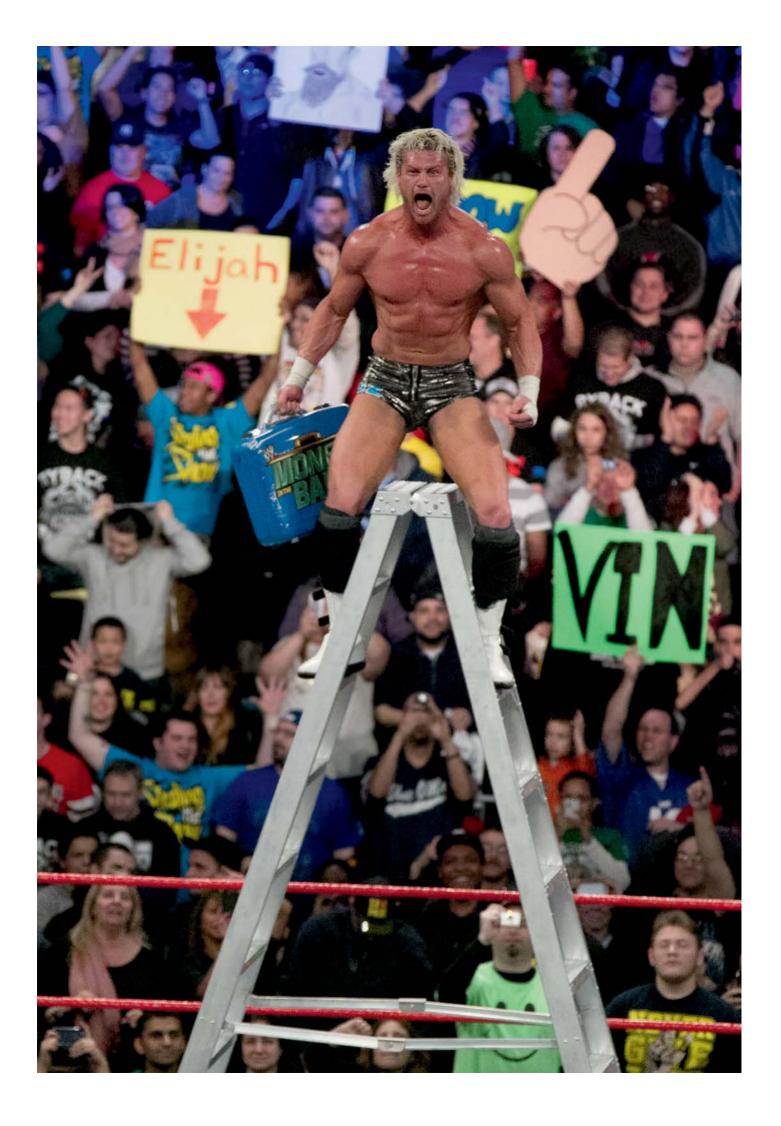




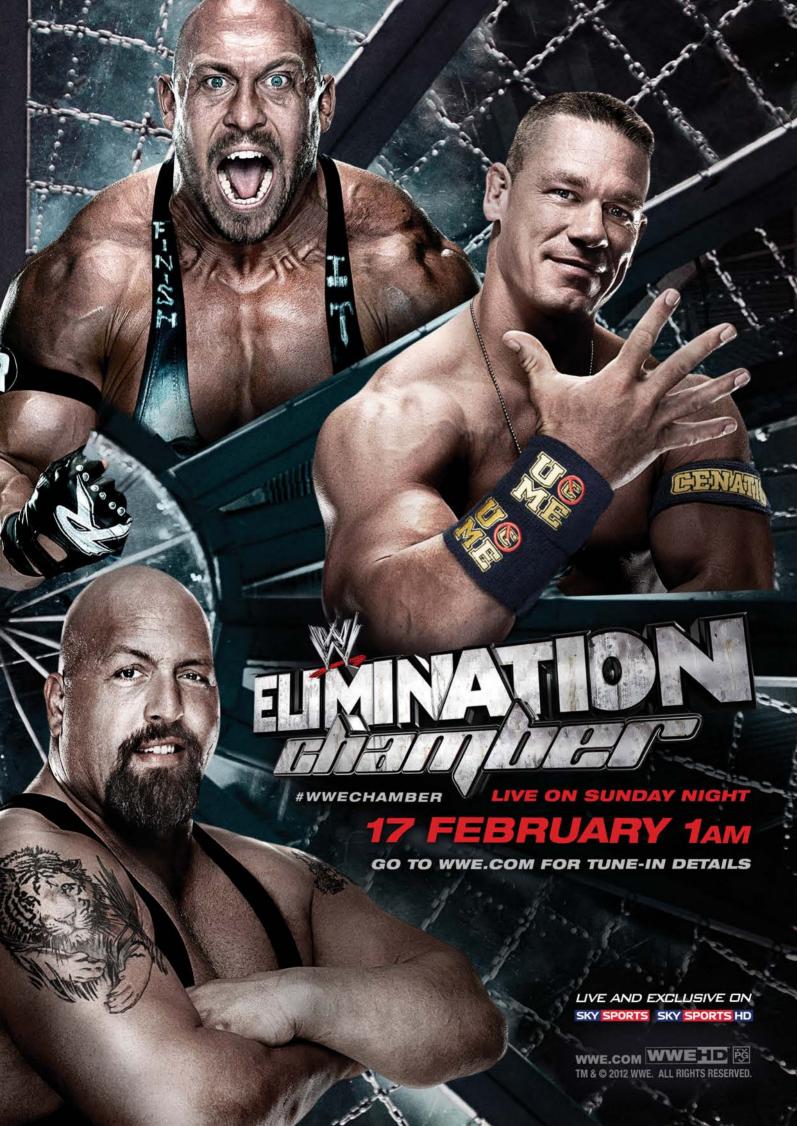














## **Ask Justin Gabriel...**

@JUSTIN\_GABRIEL

We managed to get this highflier to sit down long enough to answer your Twitter questions about Tyson Kidd, South Africa and his highrisk offense. Then the moon shifted, he became a wolf—and ran off.



#### If Rey and Sin Cara are the highfliers and The Prime Time Players are the muscle in the tag team division, what is International Airstrike?

James T.



We're exactly what the name says. We're "International" because we're actually from two different continents, and "Airstrike," because we can hit you from all angles. We can do it in the air, but we're both strikers, and we're skilled in every single style of combat.

#### @ You change your hair more than an unhappy teenager. Why is that?

Alison E.

▲ I don't really try to go for a certain look. The messier the better to me, I guess. One week, I will cut out chunks on the side. I'll do it myself sometimes. I'll blow-dry it straight up before I go to bed, I'll sleep on it, and that's why I get that rough look sometimes in the morning. I don't always go for exactly the same look, I just try to make it as messy as I possibly can and be different every day.

## @ Tyson Kidd told *WWE Magazine* that he turned you into a bit of a hockey fan. What do you enjoy about the game?

Joe P.

Ilovehowfast-pacedandphysicalit can be. It's kind of like soccer, in a way. I grew up watching soccer, and to me, hockey is like soccer on ice. The rules are almost the same as soccer, it's just way faster and fun to watch.

#### @ What was a hidden benefit tobeing sidelined with an elbow injury this spring?

Glen Y.

The best part was going back home. I don't get to go home very often—I've only returned twice in three years. The injury was kind of a blessing in disguise because I had a lot of paperwork to renew anyway. I did my rehab there and spent time with friends and family I haven't seen in more than three years. I had gone to college in London and studied there for a while, so I really haven't spent much quality time with those friends, either.

#### @ Are there any high-flying maneuvers in your arsenal we've yet to see?

Crosby T.

I have so many in my back pocket that sometimes even I forget about them. I'll watch old matches I've contested and think, "Hey, I should do that." I save a lot of things for big matches. Tyson and I actually have a lot of double-team moves you've yet to see. Tag team wrestling is so exciting right now. It's always been that way, though. Imagine everything that I can do that's exciting he can do. He just never shows it. He can do a perfect 450—he just never does it. I'm trying to get him to do it in a match.

#### @ What do you see during a 450 Splash? Andrea H.

I try to focus my eyes on where I'm going to land. A few times, if I'm slightly off, I maybe blinked or looked in the camera or looked into a kid's eyes

ringside and I'll be slightly winded myself, or might have hurt my opponent a bit more than I should have. I try to focus on where I want to land—my body will do the rest.

#### @ At what moment in your life were you the most afraid?

Ben Z.

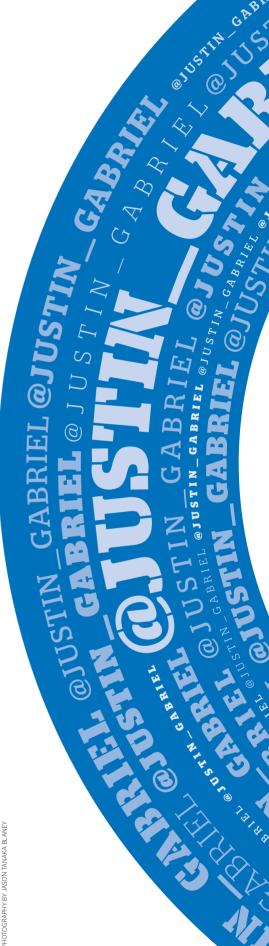
A lot of "Shark Week" is actually filmed in my hometown. And when you go looking for Great White sharks now, they have you in these clear cages. And you can't see the cage—like when you submerge a glass in water. So when they dropped me in, I saw this big Great White in front of me. It was a 20-footer and I was like, "Whoa!" That was the first time in my life that I was really scared of something.

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#### GOT A BURNING QUESTION?

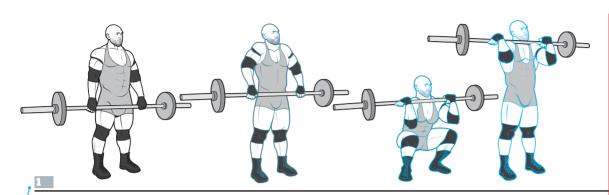
→ In the coming months we'll be soliciting Twitter questions for William Regal, The Prime Time Players and Damien Sandow. Fire off your best queries on any subject to: **@WWEmagazine**. Who knows, if your questions are interesting enough, one of them just might make it into *WWE Mag!* And you thought the Web was just for "Ermahgerd."





## BODY SHOP

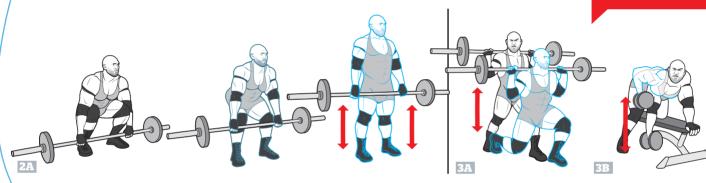
You don't build the mass and strength seen in Ryback with just Wheaties and local competitors. "Just as there are five major food groups, there are also five major strength qualities: power, strength, size, endurance and conditioning," says trainer Dan Trink, C.S.C.S.-peakperformancenyc.com. Follow the routine outlined below as recommended by Trink, capping it off with four sets of 100-yard sprints. Ready? Eat!





#### BEFORE YOU START!

The letter and numbernexttoan exercise indicate voushould perform one set of that move ment, followed by the next number, before continuing



#### 1. HANG CLEAN

#### Five sets of three reps

Your hardest lifts should come first, and this totalbody exercise hits you from your traps to legs. Start holding a barbell in an overhand grip just above the knees. Keep the bar close, drive your hips forward, shrugging your shoulders to lift the bar. Once the bar is at its apex, roll your elbows under it, catching it on your delts.

#### 2A. DEAD LIFT

#### Four sets of 4-6 reps

Start with the barbell as close to your shins as possible. Bend your knees, bring barbell overhand. Drive your heels into the around to lift the bar to waist level with your glutes and legs. Don't bend at the elbows throughout the lift, and fight the tendency to flex your neck by looking straight ahead or slightly down at all times.

#### 2B. BENCH PRESS

#### [NOT SHOWN] Four sets of 4-6 reps

For a real chest blast, lying on a flat bench with a rack. your hips back and grasp the position the barbell slightly less than an arm's length away, and set your body so that your eyes are directly under the bar. Unrack the bar and lower it to chest level in a controlled manner. Forcefully drive the weight off your chest until your arms are straight.

#### 3A. SPLIT SQUATS

#### Three sets of 8-10 reps

A true lower-body challenge, holding a pair of dumbbells, split your stance so you step out as if you were in the middle of a lunge. Keep your chest tall, and lower your body until your back knee touches the floor. Drive off the heel of your front foot to press yourself back up to the original position. Complete all reps on your right side before switching to the left.

#### 3B. SINGLE-ARM **DUMBBELL ROW** Three sets of 8-10 reps

To build a big (Ry)back, place your left knee and hand on a flat bench. Your right foot should be behind the bench and right arm should hold a dumbbell. With back flat, keep your arm close to your rib cage as you row, squeezing shoulder blades to lift. Don't let your body rotate. Repeat all reps for one side before switching to the other.

#### RYBACK FUEL

"The Hungry One" munches on a steady diet of Superstars in the ring. This is what he eats (and doesn't) outside of it



#### FEED ME MORE...MEAT

Ryback consumes mainly lean proteins, such as steak and bison, which offer better protein-to-fat ratios than other meats.



#### **ONLY COMPLEX CARBS**

Sweet potatoes, high-fiber oatmeal, and brown rice all burn slower than regular carbs, giving a large body like Ryback's more energy.



#### FIBER-RICH FOODS

Ryback's fiber-rich diet is a constant detox for his system, cleansing the bad and helping to stimulate weight loss.



#### NOBOOZE

Not only is alcohol loaded with calories, but it also hinders muscle growth by limiting the manufacturing of testosterone.



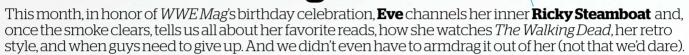
#### **DROP THE JUNK FOOD**

The days of the "cornfed meathead" are gone. Becoming Ryback meant adiós to candy, ice cream and artificial sweeteners.



## DIVA#MONTH

## **Unleash The Dragon!**



- **1.** WWE Magazine is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year, and all of our Divas of the Month images will be reminiscent of classic Superstars. With your jujitsu background, we thought Ricky "The Dragon" Steamboat would be the perfect inspiration for this photo shoot. What, if anything, have you learned from Steamboat? He's the ultimate, ultimate good guy. The Dragon always found a way to be on top with his incredible athleticism and martial arts skills. I think the thing we have most in common is that we both have a lot of fight in us.
- 2. Who's the most interesting WWE Legend or classic Superstar that you've had the pleasure to meet and spend significant time with? Definitely Arn Anderson. He's just a big teddy bear. He's also ridiculously fun and has the best analogies when teaching you a lesson.
- 3. You're wearing some crazy lizard skin jacket in this photo shoot. What's the one article of clothing

you own that's completely ridiculous but you insist on wearing?

I have my own red leather jacket with straps that's a bit of an ode to Michael Jackson. Everyone thinks it's, well... unique, but I still rock it. And I look damn good doing it.

4. Speaking of Michael Jackson, what was the last album you bought...on cassette?

Oh gosh, a cassette? Who can remember that far back? I think it might have actually been an R. Kelly album. Maybe that was a CD, though.

5. Do you have an all-time favorite pair of sneakers that you didn't want to get rid of but probably should have anyway?

I actually still have a pair of sneakers from high school. I really should get rid of them. I've tried to keep them in good shape, but I've puked on them once or twice during a run. That's the price you pay for working hard!

6. Men and women might be intimidated to get into martial arts

#### because of all the, well, hitting. What do you recommend for a beginner who might be a "Not the face!" kind of person?

Well, that's why I train in jujitsu. We don't really focus on striking, but more on defending. You can then slowly work into that aspect of gloves and punching if you so desire.

7. When should a man know that he doesn't have a shot?

He should know right away. If you're trying to ask a girl out and you're met with some resistance you probably don't have a chance. You shouldn't need to convince a girl to date you.

8. What's your go-to read on any cross-country flight?

I'm a big fan of self-help books. I just finished rereading *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People* again. I've honestly lost track of how many times I've read it.

When you get into a new TV series that you missed, do you try to watch as many episodes as you

#### can as fast as possible, or do you give yourself time and make it last?

I download every single episode and watch them all at once—then get really impatient waiting for the next season to come out. I got totally addicted to Walking Dead that way. And Breaking Bad actually got me through our last European tour.

10. What's the worst practical joke that's ever been played on you?

When I was little I had a terrible nightmare about my teddy bear coming to life and talking to me and was terrified of him after that. One night my parents thought it would be funny to prank me and leave a talking teddy bear in my room. I never recovered.

11. With Presidents Day on its way this month, who is your favorite Commander-in-Chief and why?

Bill Clinton. Despite the scandals, he was a great president. When he spoke to the nation, you really believed he was making a change for the better. And the economy flourished under him.

• FEBRUARY IN WWE	7	15	Raw Live Event, Istanbul, Turkey; 8 pm SmackDown Live Event, Waco, TX; 8 pm
Turn here first to find out when the Superstars will be in your town next!*	8 Raw Live Event, Poplar Bluff, MO; 7:30 pm	16	SmackDown Live Event, College Station, TX; 5 pm
1 Raw Live Event, Chattanooga, TN; 7:30 pm	9 Raw Live Event, Springfield, MO; 7:30 pm SmackDown Live Event, Champaign, IL; 7:30 pm	17 ELIMINATION CHAMBER New Orleans, LA; 6:30 pm	25 Raw, Dallas, TX; 6:30 pm
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Raw Live Event, Birmingham, AL; 1 pm SmackDown Live Event, Augusta, GA; 1 pm	11 Raw, Nashville, TN; 6:30 pm	19 SmackDown, Biloxi, MS	27 Royal Rumble 2013 in stores now!
4 Raw, Atlanta, GA; 7:30 pm	12 SmackDown, Little Rock, AR; 7 pm	20	28
5 SmackDown, Jacksonville, FL; 7 pm	13 Best of Nitro Vol. 2 available now!	21 Raw Live Event, Doha, Qatar TBD	FOR MORE OF THE ENCHANTING EVE: Visit WWE.COM/MAGAZINE/DIVA-OF-MONTH
6	14 Valentine's Day!	22 Raw Live Event, Doha, Qatar TBD	Visit WWE.COM/MAGAZINE/DIVA-OF-MONTH to see exclusive photos!  'All show times are regional (US time) and subject to change

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How Much Do You Know About...Love, WWE-Style?

Amid all the fighting and backstabbing that goes on in WWE, there's still enough time to cram in more love and marriage than an episode of Married with Children. But keeping up with these many love affairs and entanglements can get tricky, as is evident in this 10-question quiz we're sure you'll love. Ready? Go!

#### **HELOVES ME/NOT**

We came across these four notebooks owned by some of our love-struck Divas. Can you name whose book belongs to whom?

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Of the following Divas, whom has John Cena neversmooched?

- A Maria
- Vickie Guerrero
- **C** Kaitlyn



What was the name of the dog Stephanie McMahon and Triple H

shared before their onscreen divorce?

- A Lucky
- B Molly
- **C** Ruthy
- D Lucy



Stephanie McMahon has been part of four WWE wedding ceremonies

(many unwillingly). Can you put her would-be grooms in chronological order?

- ▲ Triple H, Undertaker, Test, Triple H
- Undertaker, Triple H, Test, Triple H
- C Test, Triple H, Undertaker, Triple H
- Triple H, Test, Triple H, Undertaker



- What was the name given to the legendary nuptials between Randy "Macho Man" Savage and Miss Elizabeth at Summer Slam 1991?
- "Beauty And The Beast"
- G "Oh Yeeeaah, They Are...Getting Married"
- "Macho Matrimony"
- "Match Made In Heaven"

Which Diva's father did Dawn Marie have a torrid relationship and marriage(almost)with in 2002?









- A Torrie Wilson
- Stacey Keibler
- **C** TrishStratus
- Victoria



- Who Am I? I might be the only Superstar in WWE history who has never interrupted a wedding on television.
- A Kane
- The Godfather
- Mr.McMahon
- MickFoley

- Whom did Vickie Guerrero kiss before The 25th Anniversary of 'Mania during her relationship with Edge?
- A TripleH
- John Cena
- **G** BigShow
- TeddyLong



- The first recognized WWE wedding, which took place on Tuesday Night Titans in 1984, was with which of these couples?
- UncleElmerandJoyce
- B Roddu Piper and Fabulous Moolah
- c Paul Vachon and Ophelia
- Captain Lou Albano and Wendi Richter
- How did Derrick Bateman pay for dinner during his double date with Daniel Bryan and The Bellas?
- With spare change
- American Express
- Diners Club
- He didn't. Dine and dash, bro!

#### RATING SCALE

#### TIME'SUP! How'd you do?

Are you an expert in WWE romance, or are you as lonely as Bastion Booger at a Sadie Hawkins Dance? Match your answers to the correct responses below to see where you rank in terms of WWE Universe intelligence.

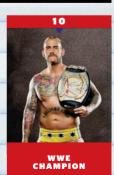


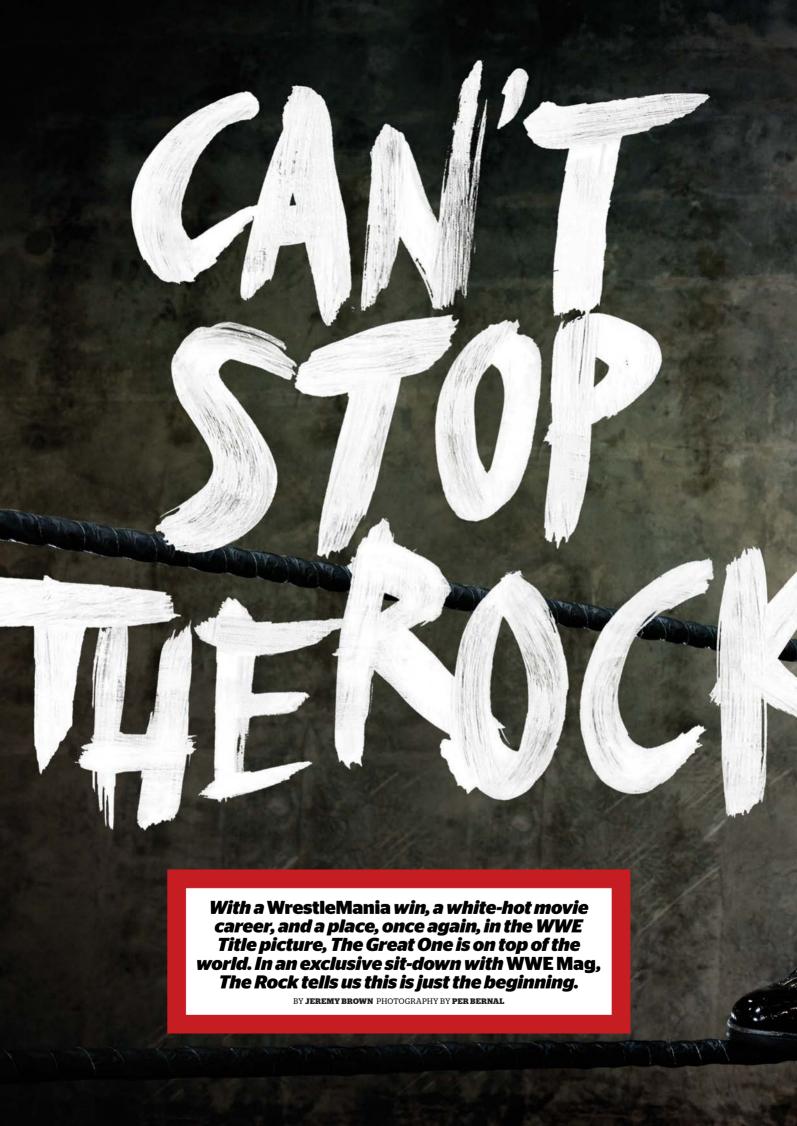
















he air in Miami is burning, the heat close and oppressive. Fireworks light up the hazy Florida sky. The response from the crowd is white-hot and electric, seemingly powering the lights of Sun Life Stadium all on its own. A lone figure stands upon the ramp, feet firmly planted, fists clenched, head turned back to peer at the teeming sea of humanity calling out his name. Then, almost imperceptibly at first, an eyebrow begins to rise, the lip following suit, curling into a smile that exudes total confidence. The Rock has done it again.

#### The Return Of The Great One

The Rock's epic defeat of John Cena at WrestleMania XXVIII was huge, to be sure, but it's only with the

#### The Year Of The Rock

It's been 16 years since a streamer-draped Superstar named Rocky Maivia first bounded into the ring at Survivor Series. To look at pictures from that night is to gaze into a different time, a different era—and see a remarkably different man. The Rock broke out from the shackles of that persona to become a Superstar who defined a time in WWE that may never be experienced again.

However, reinvention is the key to longevity, which is why the Superstar the WWE Universe now sees isn't a facsimile from those '90s glory days, hobbling out to the ring to cock an eyebrow and remind us to know our roles and shut our mouths. Now, almost two decades into a career that reshaped the WWE landscape time and again, The Rock seems more focused than ever before. He contested a WrestleMania match that obliterated all expectations, and his movie career has landed in that sweet spot between bankability and respectability.

As proof, this year alone, we have four Rock films to look forward to. First up is G.I. Joe: Retaliation, which pairs The Great One with People's Sexiest Man Alive,



benefit of a year's hindsight that we can step back and fully appreciate just how huge it was. It elevated his already lofty WWE status into the rarified air of icons, proving irrefutably that his return wasn't a one-and-done flash in the pan. It was proof positive that, even after seven years out of the game, The Great One hasn't lost a step. The only question now is, what's next? The idea of topping something so momentous is daunting. But The Rock remains unfazed. "It would be incredibly daunting, if I put that type of pressure on myself in terms of achieving success," he says. "So I try not to. I work hard and hopefully make movies and create entertainment that people enjoy. And if we can inspire some people around the world along the way to achieve their own greatness—then that's a cool and beautiful thing, too."

Channing Tatum. The flick, a sequel to 2009's *G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra*, was originally due for release this past summer, but recently it went in for a 3D conversion. After battling Cobra baddies, The Great One returns to the world of gofor-broke street racing and daredevil heists in "Fast Six", the followup to 2011's wildly successful Fast Five. In April, he stars in Pain and Gain, a crime thriller from blockbuster director Michael Bay, in which he portrays a bodybuilder who becomes involved in a kidnapping scheme that goes every which way but right. Starring alongside The People's Champ are Mark Wahlberg and Ed Harris, a pair of Academy Award-nominated actors.

The proof is right there: The Rock can easily hold his own with anyone in the ring or on the silver screen.

It seems he has his pick of projects from that point on. There have been rumblings about comic-book adaptations, a possible Hercules movie, a third Journey film. The People's Champion has come a long way from his 2001 cinematic debut in The Mummy Returns, a summer blockbuster that saw him spend the final act with his head attached to a CG scorpion.

But, for The Rock, it's all gone just the way he wanted. "Honestly," he says, "If I could start my Hollywood career over again, I wouldn't change a thing. Every success and failure, every love and heartbreak, it's all led me down the path I'm on. This will be my 13th year of acting on the big screen, and I'm lucky to be enjoying the Hollywood career I have these days-but I also wake up every morning with the mind-set that there is no substitute for hard work, and there's no amount of sweat I won't drop to achieve my goals."

No one can doubt that The Rock will be dominating the multiplexes for years to come, but before he can shoot another foot of celluloid, before all the accolades, acclaim and autographs, he has one major goal to accomplish.

One, the title hunt is something beyond all that—it's deeply personal.

"It starts with recognizing what the WWE Championship represents to me," he explains. "Every time I hold that title over my head in victory, it not only signifies the fact that I have delivered the absolute best entertainment that I could to the WWE Universe, but that I'm taking a moment to live an experience that all the generations of wrestlers in my family strived to achieve. There is no other award that I could receive that's as deeply ingrained in my blood and history as the WWE Championship—and that's why it means so much to me.'

However, after The Rock's stunning announcement during Raw 1,000, CM Punk, the reigning champion on the very night of The Great One's proclamation, leveled his would-be opponent with a GTS following the main event, serving notice that, if The People's Champion wanted to hold the title in 2013, The Straight Edge Superstar wasn't going to make it easy for him.

Over the years, The Rock has been WWE Champion a total of seven times, and his longest run with the gold stretched out just 119 days, while his shortest



#### Going For The Gold...One More Time

The world of WWE spins fast, and it was less than 24 hours before The Rock announced his desire to compete for the WWE Championship, making a bid for his eighth run with the gold. At the time, it was just an idea, a boast made in the afterglow of an unprecedented WrestleMania victory. But, come July, The Rock proved that he was dead serious about making a title run in 2013, and he set his sights on winning the gold once again at the Royal Rumble.

Of course, nothing in WWE ever goes smoothly, and The Rock's announcement, naturally, was not met with universal acclaim. Some wondered why, after all that he'd accomplished in WWE, The People's Champion would even feel the need to compete for the title another time. But, for The Great

saw him surrender the title after two days, losing to Mankind in the infamous Halftime Heat Empty Arena Match. So—is this an opportunity for The Rock to carve out a "definitive" title reign?

"Listen: I believe that each of those championships runs was 'definitive' in its own way," The Great One says. "Each WWE Title reign, for me, certainly represented a shift in our business that inspired change at the top. That said, after my first WWE Championship run came to an end, I made a conscious decision that night that I would work harder than any other Superstar in the locker room to become the type of WWE entertainer who, if I never had another championship run again, it would not define my career. I never wanted to rely on a title run for success. My goal was to get to a place where I relied only on what I could bring to the table in terms of being entertaining and having a one-of-a-kind—and electrifying—connection with all of the WWE Universe.'

#### The Road To Greatness

The Rock has enjoyed unparalleled success, but it seems that this year, the pieces are falling into place more perfectly than ever before, and whatever The People's Champ wants may well be his for the

taking. "'What's the key to success?' is something I'm asked every single day," The Rock says. "I don't believe there's only one 'key to success.' But what I do believe in is hard work, and daily, focused commitment and sacrifice. I believe in being gracious with your successes, and humbled by your failures. I trust my gut and always keep my family close. I live in optimism and faith. When I grab opportunity and success by the throat, I don't let go."

It all begins now, at the Royal Rumble. Just as in days of old, The Rock's palm is open—only this time, he's just waiting for the world to be dropped into it.



THE ROAD TO WRESTLEMANIA

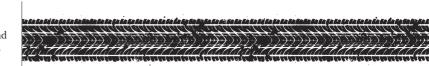


## THE SHOW OF SHOWS!

Maybe you've seen them hauling across the highways or parked outside an arena. Or perhaps you've never seen a WWE truck outside the pages of this magazine. If the latter is the case, then you're in luck, because we're about to show you how our entire fleet of 18-wheelers and buses received their latest Superstar skins.

BY KAYLA PARENT

WWE Magazine has introduced you to our talented trucks drivers and rugged ring crew members every month in "The Show Must Go On." (see Page 34). They are the people who make the machine that is WWE run smoothly on a weekly basis. But when the machines or, rather, trucks themselves got a fresh coat of paint—actually, gallons of ink, to be precise—we wanted to find out exactly how such a massive undertaking happens. So we tracked down the man responsible, Sean Ware at Harbor Graphics, who took us through the entire process of "re-skinning" the entire fleet of WWE trailers as they began their epic journey on The Road to WrestleMania.





#### CREATING THE BIG SHOW-SIZED ARTWORK!

**FINALIZING EACH IMAGE** 

First things first! The main-event caliber artwork that will eventually adom the sides of the trailers is carefully chosen and constructed. Once WWE approves all final images, they are sent to Sean Ware and his crew. "When receiving a project of this magnitude, we'll send over a scale template of the trailer that WWE can drop their artwork into. That template is only a tenth of the actual size, so WWE has to make sure that the resolution comes out between 50-to-75 dots per inch." Those are some huge files!



## "THE TRICKIEST THING TO GET RIGHT IS THE SKINTONE."









### GETTING INKED! PREPARING TO PRI

Once those dimensions are finalized, the images are blown up to true size for printing. But for this large-scale of a job, Sean's crew brings out nothing but the big guns—they don't use your average desktop printer. "We begin to print it out in a series of 48-by-105-inch sections. We use a HP Turbo Jet—it's very large, but it prints out quickly. We're talking gallons of ink here. We're constantly filling up, by the bucket, and cleaning the heads to make sure nothing sticks and we get consistent color. For WWE this year, we covered 10 trailers, which includes 20 different sides at 12 panels each."



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4 STICKING IT TO THEM!

A company such as WWE needs a material that can keep up with the ever-changing nature of the business, while still being durable enough to survive extensive travel. Luckily, Sean has something that meets us right in the middle. "We print these on a 3M vinyl. It's pressure-sensitive, with an adhesive that's got a warranty of about 3 years. It's sticky enough so it won't come off while driving, but you can still reposition and move it. It's easy to get off, and barely leaves any adhesive residue!"





## TAG-TEAMING COLORS!

WWE is accented by a variety of colors that range across the entire spectrum. And while our signature red and blue may be easy enough to put together, it takes experienced eyes and hands to bring the Superstars to life. "The trickiest things to get right are the skin tones of the various talent—we stop at nothing short of perfection! We use a four-color combination process to build all the colors, but there are so many different shades and hues to choose from. For WWE, we had skin tones ranging from dark to light, and we didn't stop tweaking until it was exactly like the artwork—and the Superstar." That way, the airbrushing on Ryback's singlet roars out, "FEED ME MORE!"



#### **WAITING FOR THE BUS!** HITTING THE ROAD

Getting the WWE machine to slow down at any time of the year can be more than a little difficult, but it all came together in the end just in time to hit the road for The Show of Shows. "I believe we started this in May and finished up in November. We had everything ready to go, but the buses were on tour! We needed a solid day-and-a-half to get everything installed, so we had to wait until it was convenient. But it turned out amazing. Bus advertising is the best value for your dollar, and everyone will want a piece of WWE once you see those buses!"









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FEATURING BROCK LESNAR • EDDIE GUERRERO • GOLDBERG • THE ROCK • TRIPLE H
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SHAWN MICHAELS • "MACHO MAN" RANDY SAVAGE & RICKY "THE DRAGON" STEAMBOAT

After returning to WWE in 2012, Brock Lesnar made us realize that not only is he still an "Ass-Kicker" and a "War Machine," but that he's also the king of unfinished business. Many of his main-event matches—as well as a bevy of classic bouts between other WWE Superstars—left room for repeat performances that, for various reasons, never materialized. These are the encore encounters the WWE Universe was clamoring for but never got. Now imagine the following matches actually taking place...on The Grandest Stage of Them All.







BROCK LESNAR
VS.
EDDIE GUERRERO

THE INITIAL ENCOUNTER: NO WAY OUT 2004

No one picked Eddie Guerrero to win this fight. No one. But, against all odds, Latino Heat outsmarted and outlasted The Next Big Thing (with an assist from Goldberg) to win his first and only WWE Championship. Instead of targeting Guerrero for a rematch, Lesnar set his sights on Goldberg after his interference cost Brock the match. Speaking of which...





#### BROCK LESNAR vs. GOLDBERG

THE INITIAL ENCOUNTER: WRESTLEMANIA XX-2004

After word of each Superstar's intention to leave WWE following the bout went viral, the crowd turned sour. In the end, Brock fell to Goldberg's Jackhammer, and both Superstars were Stunned by guest ref Steve Austin. Under different circumstances, could a rematch take place? And would it leave a better taste in the mouths of the WWE Universe than its predecessor?



THE INITIAL ENCOUNTER: **EXTREME RULES 2012** 

Sure Lesnar and Cena tussled on SmackDown, and faced each other in a title bout at Backlash, but that was a different era, and today's John Cena is a different man. So, when a returning Brock Lesnar ambushed Cena the night after WrestleMania XXVIII, Cena was quick to accept the official challenge. Their Extreme Rules Match at the eponymous pay-per-view was more brutal than anything either Superstar had ever endured, and with Cena notching the win, we have to imagine that Brock isn't sleeping too well knowing he started the fight.



#### BROCK LESNAR vs. TRIPLE H

THE INITIAL ENCOUNTER: **SUMMERSLAM 2012** 

Was Triple H's last WWE match a crushing defeat at the hands of the MMA juggernaut, Brock Lesnar? Technically, that remains to be seen. But, as of right now—yes, it was. The Game isn't one to stray from getting the last word—or win—when it comes to his rivals, and Brock never turns down a fight. A second encounter would give each Superstar something to fight for: For Brock, the chance to prove the first win was no fluke with a decisive second; and, for Triple H, the chance to leave the ring on his own terms, not Lesnar's.

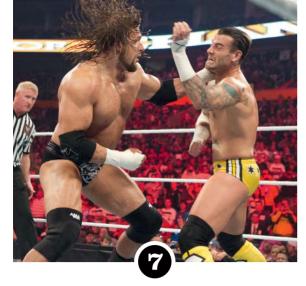


STONE COLD STEVE AUSTIN TRIPLE H

THE INITIAL ENCOUNTER: **NO WAY OUT 2001** 

The reason why there was never a second bout between these two titanic WWE Superstars is likely because this Three Stages Of Hell encounter marked such a definitive end to the storied rivalry. At odds for more than a year, this barbaric clash was the first time these two were offered a chance to meet each other without a host of supporting characters or interference at play, and they seized the opportunity—in perhaps the most violent 40 minutes WWE has ever seen.





#### CM PUNK vs. TRIPLE H

THE INITIAL ENCOUNTER:
NIGHT OF CHAMPIONS 2011

Triple H was the corporate veteran butting heads against CM Punk's skyrocketing star as WWE Champ, and this Night Of Champions bout was a hardcore brawl fueled by personal and professional sparks. We don't just want to see one more brutal contest between these two, we want to see months of them.



## STONE COLD STEVE AUSTIN vs. SHAWN MICHAELS

THE INITIAL ENCOUNTER: WRESTLEMANIA XIV-1998

Shawn Michaels's nearly career-ending back injury meant that HBK could barely walk, let alone wrestle, heading into this match at The Show of Shows. Members of the WWE Universe aren't the only ones who want to see this contest again. In a 2011 interview with WWE Magazine, Stone Cold himself said this is the one match in his career that he'd like the chance to do over.



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#### BRET HART Vs. The British Bulldog

THE INITIAL
ENCOUNTER:
SUMMERSLAM 1992

After this recordsetting match in Wembley Stadium, both Bret Hart and The British Bulldog went their separate ways. Bulldog enjoyed a solid run with the I-C Championship, and The Hitman became WWE Champion for the first time. It would be hard for these two to match the spectacle of their first bout, but we would have loved to see them give it a try.





#### THE ROCK vs. JOHN CENA

THE INITIAL ENCOUNTER: WRESTLEMANIA XXVIII—2012

Why can't "Once In A Lifetime" be "Twice In A Lifetime"? The Rock's match against John Cena at WrestleMania XXVIII was a ground-shifting event that changed the face of WWE and captivated everyone for an entire year. And, unlike some bouts that suffer from too much buildup, this was a match that completely delivered on its promises. A clash of generations, a meeting of titans, and a battle of wills made this one of history's all-time greats. Encore!



## THE ULTIMATE WARRIOR *VS*. "MACHO KING" RANDY SAVAGE

THE INITIAL ENCOUNTER: WRESTLEMANIA VI-1991

When Randy Savage faced off against The Ultimate Warrior in a Retirement Match, we found ourselves hoping against hope that The Macho Man would survive. However, it wasn't to be, and Warrior ended Savage's first WWE run. Unfortunately, even with several comebacks from both men, that bout would be the only time these two greats would ever lock up at The Show of Shows with the stakes so high, leaving the muchdesired main-event marquee rematch to our imaginations.



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RICKY

"THE DRAGON"

STEAMBOAT

VS.

"MACHO MAN"

RANDY

SAVAGE

THE INITIAL ENCOUNTER: WRESTLEMANIA III—1987

In 1987, Steamboat and Savage took the crowd—and themselves—to the absolute apex of euphoria in a match that defied logic, convention and expectation. And their epic battle has become one of the most definitive wrestling bouts of all time. To see these two lock up again would've been a dream come true for Superstars and the WWE Universe alike.



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THE INITIAL
ENCOUNTER:
SURVIVOR SERIES 1997



## SHAWN BRET MICHAELS VS. HART



This was the greatest rivalry of The New Generation—a collision between a battle-scarred technician and a preening pretty boy who could back up his mouth with in-ring bravura. And sure, they'd met each other many times before in the ring (at Survivor Series 1992, for example) but the relative whimper that concluded their rivalry in Montréal is an unfitting ending to such an epic clash of wills. Now that these two have laid their personal demons to rest and made amends, we can sleep soundly knowing that there's really nothing left for them to resolve.

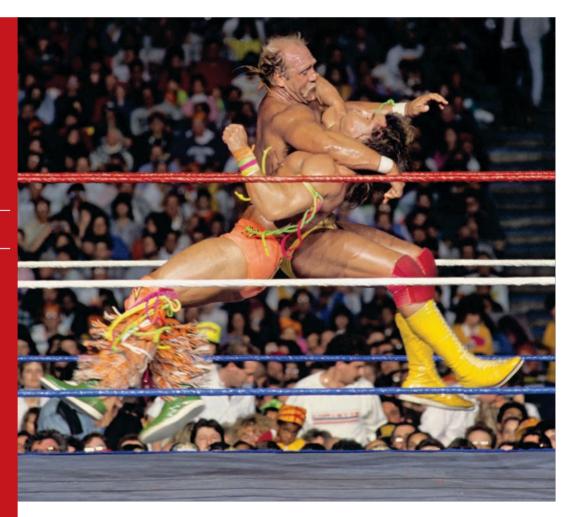
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#### WARRIOR

THE INITIAL ENCOUNTER: WRESTLEMANIA VI-1990

Hulk Hogan was Rock 'n' Wrestling in the '80s, standing tall over the early WWE landscape like a red-andyellow colossus. Warrior was the next phase: With his streamers and neon face paint, he represented the dawn of the '90s and the end of Hulkamania. And when he defeated Hogan to win the WWE Championship cleanly, it was WWE's first real generational split. Hogan never had a chance to truly avenge the loss (we don't count that abominable rematch in WCW), which further validates just how definitive that split was.

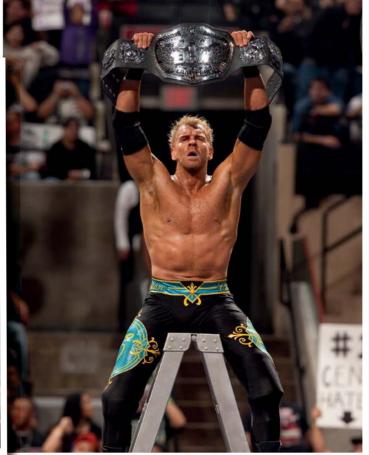














### RANDY ORTON vs. KOFI KINGSTON

With villainous faction Legacy at its peak during *TLC 2009*, many figured Randy Orton would destroy Kofi Kingston in quick time in this match. Kingston had something to prove though, and came dangerously close to winning this one in a performance that won many a fan. Orton's tactic early on was to go for the ribs, but Kingston ignored the pain to land a flying cross body. With steely determination like that, he was marking himself out as an opponent to be taken seriously by Orton - particularly when a sudden dropkick helped Kingston escape the normally deadly RKO. The Boom Drop was followed by the Trouble In Paradise to really set Kingston up for victory, but Orton grabbed the ropes just in time. If Kingston was now starting to really fancy his chances, he was to be taught a swift lesson in how top tier talent like Orton can surprise you, as an RKO took him out for good and got the pin for Orton.









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Every month we take a trip down memory lane and look at a classic WWE Superstar

# The Big Show

The history of those WWE Superstars who have been a similar size to The Big Show is a chequered one. Some have prospered, their height and weight giving them a natural advantage over smaller opponents, while others have found the athleticism and speed that their rivals possess has left them floundering. But The Big Show has gone on to become the most successful big man in WWE history and broken the mould in many more ways.

### Is he as big as Andre the Giant?

In more ways than one, yes. Sure, Andre set the standard for titans in the WWE, but Big Show's collection of titles has surpassed anything the French legend achieved during the 1980s. WWE Champion twice, World Heavyweight Champion twice, Tag Team Champion three times; Big Show's back catalogue of glory would give anyone a run for their money.

### How did it start?

Dramatically. At the St. Valentine's Day Massacre in 1999, Big Show burst through the bottom of the ring to grab Stone Cold Steve Austin and throw him through a steel cage. From there Big Show aligned himself with the dark forces swirling in the WWE at the time, rising to prominence thanks to an alliance with The Undertaker. His first taste of gold wasn't far away.

### When did he get it?

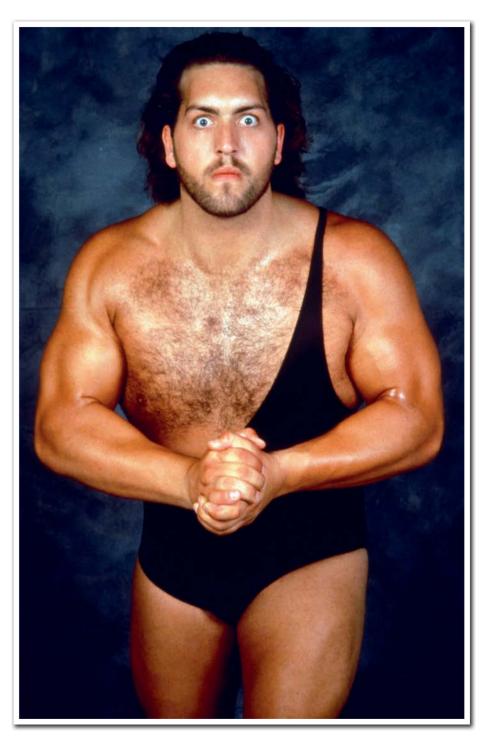
When he beat Triple H and The Rock to win a Triple Threat at *Survivor Series 1999* – and since then his standards haven't dipped, even as his friends and enemies have changed over the years.

### Friends and enemies?

Yeah, Big Show's had a nasty habit of falling out with his closest friends (sometimes his fault, sometimes theirs) and then teaming up with old rivals when it suits him. Those cunning allegiances, allied with his tremendous physical power, have seen him go on some phenomenal runs, as when he "retired" Hulk Hogan and battled Brock Lesnar in several WWE Championship matches.

### Lesnar must be the toughest opponent he's faced?

One of the toughest, but for our money, Big Show's most thrilling feud came against Mark Henry in 2011. These two giants of the WWE had



tussled before, but this series of matches saw a meaner side to both that raised the bar substantially. At *Vengeance 2011*, the pair broke the ring when Big Show was suplexed off the top rope. It was a sight to behold.

### There must have been some disappointments.

Definitely – Big Show is a proud man, and his poor record at *WrestleMania* had chewed away at him in the run-up to *WrestleMania XXVIII*. But with 80,000 members of the WWE Universe packed into the

Sun Life Stadium in Miami, Florida, Big Show beat the arrogant Cody Rhodes to win his first Intercontinental Title and break his bad run at 'Mania.

### And what about his tag team work?

A massive part of Big Show's career. Smaller Superstars like The Miz and Chris Jericho realised that by pairing up with the giant, they could unite their speed and skill with his strength. Unstoppable teams were born and ascended to tag glory, and who knows who Big Show might team up with in future?









### HIGHLIGHTS

### Big Show's Best Three Matches

### Vs. Brock Lesnar, SmackDown 12/06/03

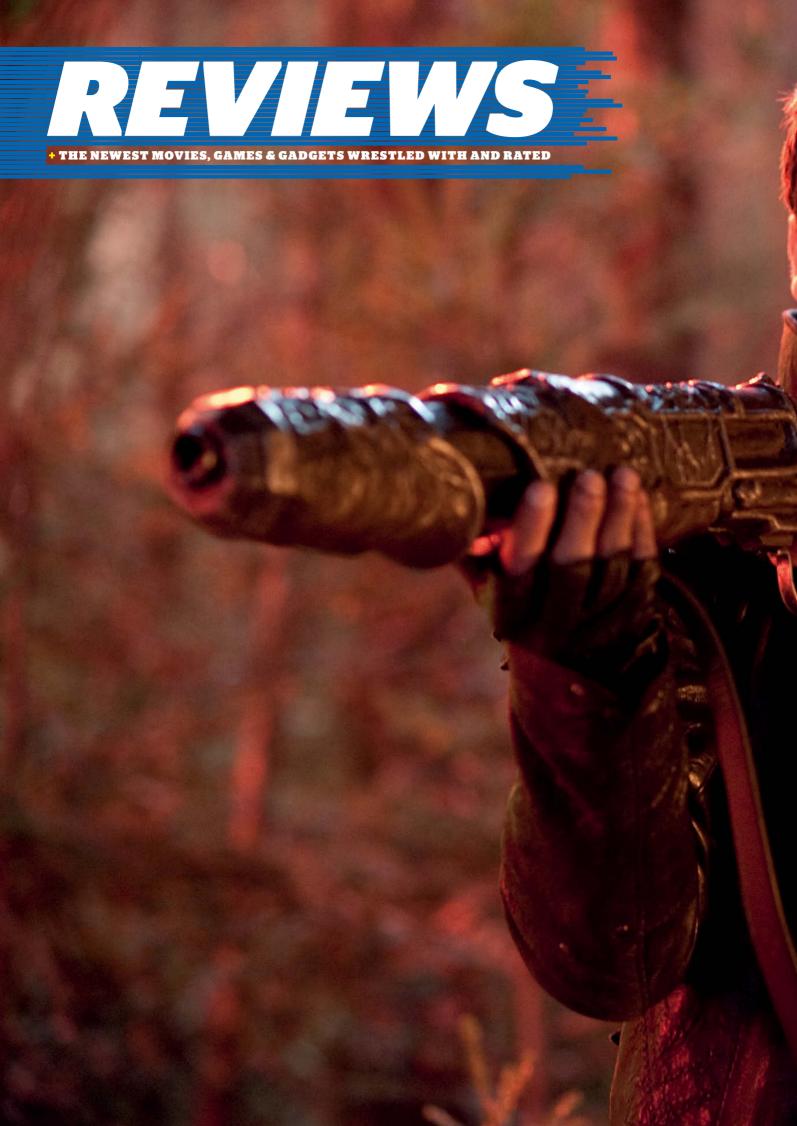
Oh of course his feud with Mark Henry was just as destructive, but we wanted to include this match as a reminder that 2011 wasn't the first time that Big Show's massive size caused a ring to break! No, that came way back in 2003 when the World's Largest Athlete was in the middle of a compelling battle with Brock Lesnar. These two had just given us a thrilling match when the then-WWE Champion Lesnar went for what seemed impossible: a superplex on Big Show. The ring collapsed, the ref fell over, and the WWE Universe went routs.

### Vs. Undertaker, No Mercy 2008

As time passed, Undertaker's in-ring style evolved to be more based on punches and boxing techniques - but that's one sort of match Big Show has never been afraid to have. Just ask boxing champ Floyd Mayweather Jnr., who once took on Big Show at WrestleMania! These two giants had been doing battle on and off ever since the Big Show came into the WWE in 1999, and their familiarity showed in the ring as they matched each other move for move. But Big Show's cutting edge was also revealed, as he slammed 'Taker's head into the turn buckle and knocked him out with the KO Punch. It was a memorable victory for Big Show over his former mentor.

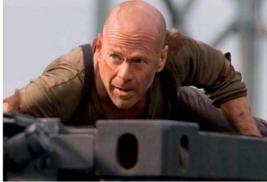
### Royal Rumble 2004

Big Show may not have won this one, but we're including it because it shows another important facet of his size. In matches like the Royal Rumble or Elimination Chamber, the physique of this warrior comes into its own, and in 2004 he cleaned house from the second he entered the fray. Just listing three of the Superstars knocked over the top ropes by Big Show proves how up for it he was: Chris Jericho, John Cena, Rob Van Dam. Big names, but no match for the Big Show!













### 🗃 A Good Day to Die Hard

### TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX [TBC]

John McClane is back in A Good Day to Die Hard, the fifth in the all-action Die Hard series starring Bruce Willis as the renegade cop who knows no fear. A Good Day to Die Hard sees McClane travel to Russia to get his son Jack out of trouble. But his mercy mission turns into something far more dangerous as he learns Jack is in fact working for the CIA and the pair must team up to prevent deadly nuclear weapons falling into the wrong hands.



### ≅ Bullet to the Head

### ENTERTAINMENT ONE [15]

Adrenaline-charged thriller *Bullet to the Head* stars Sylvester Stallone as a New Orleans hit man who joins forces with a Washington D.C. cop to take out their joint enemy; the man who has murdered both their partners. Based on the cult graphic novel *Du Plomb Dans La Tête, Bullet to the Head* stars Jason Momoa (*Conan the Barbarian*) and Christian Slater (*True Romance*) and is the latest action film from director Walter Hill (*Last Man Standing*).



### Flight PARAMOUNT PICTURES. [TBC]

In drama *Flight*, Denzel Washington plays a troubled airline pilot whose skill and bravery apparently save his plane and the lives of his passengers following a mid-air emergency. Initially hailed as a hero, his reputation spins out of control as uncomfortable facts begin to emerge about the incident and what actually happened. As the mystery deepens, he is forced to face up to the truth to save his reputation. *Flight* is directed by Robert Zemeckis (*Back to the Future*).



# Game of Thrones: Season 2 [TBC]

The Battle continues in Westeros with feuding families and power hungry rulers. Five Kings vie for a single, all-powerful throne. Game of Thrones: Season 2 plays out against the backdrop of a fast-approaching winter. In King's Landing, the coveted Iron Throne is occupied by cruel young Joffrey, counseled by his conniving mother Cersei and uncle Tyrion. But the Lannister hold on the Throne is under assault on many fronts. There's Robb Stark, son of the slain Lord of Winterfell, Ned Stark; Daenerys Targaryen, who looks to shore up her depleted power through three newborn dragons; Stannis Baratheon, eldest brother of the late King Robert; and Stannis' brother Renly, who has maintained his own claim since fleeing King's Landing. In the meantime, a new leader is rising among the wildlings North of the Wall, adding new perils for Jon Snow and the Night's Watch. With tensions and treaties, animosity and alliances, Season 2 of Game of Thrones promises to be a thrilling journey through a riveting, unforgettable landscape.



### **鯔 Lincoln** TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX [TBC]

In Steven Spielberg's historical epic Lincoln, Daniel Day-Lewis takes on the role of the revered US president, portraying his struggle not only against the Confederate army but also within his own circle as he fights to end slavery in his country. Joseph Gordon-Levitt (Inception) and Tommy Lee Jones (Men In Black) also star in Lincoln, the monumental tale of the man who shaped America.

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## Hawaiian detective series, Magnum P.I., then your dreams are unlikely to become reality, but you can

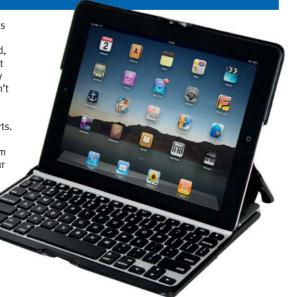
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### www.firebox.com [£98]

at least have a bit of fun.

We all know the iPad comes with its own built in virtual keyboard, thus negating the need for an actual keyboard, therefore being classified as a tablet. But wait. Unless what you're writing is utterly worthless to everyone and it really doesn't matter how badly spelt, punctuated or edited your text is, virtual keyboards are no match for their non-virtual counterparts. Fact. Which is exactly why this exists. Hooking up via Bluetooth, and hewn from carbon fibre, you simply have to pop your iPad into the ZAGGFolio's hinge (in portrait or landscape) and you're away. Chargeable via USB, battery life is good for weeks on a single filling and, when not in use, its armadillo armour provides a hard case for your paddy

pal. It's a no-brainer really.



### i-box Twist

### www.iboxstvle.com [£70]

We've seen many takes on the portable speaker over the years, but the difference between those and this is quite simply: We were so impressed with the review model, that we used our own hard-earned money to buy one for the office. The i-box Twist is lightweight, good looking, rechargeable and packing stereo speakers for 2x 2W output, so the sound is simply awesome. It links to your device via Bluetooth, controlling tracks and volume from both your phone and the simple circle of buttons on the top. There's even a built-in noise cancelling microphone that lets you use the Twist

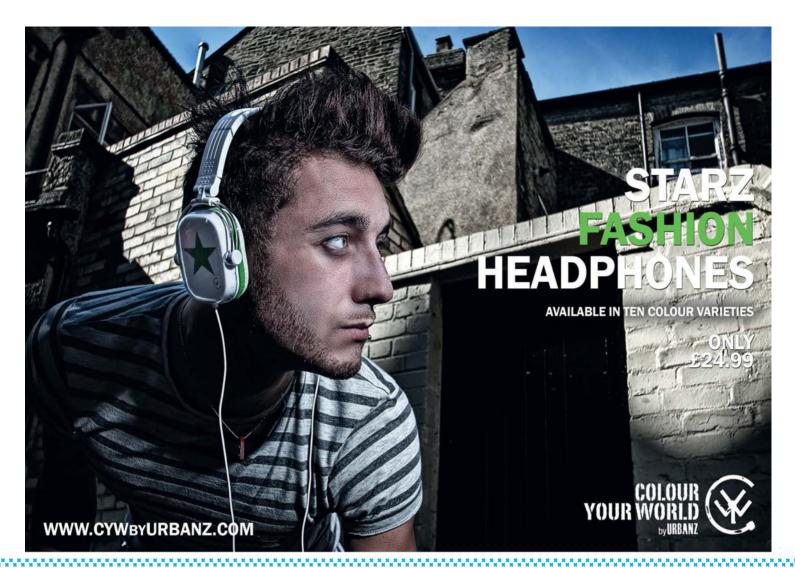




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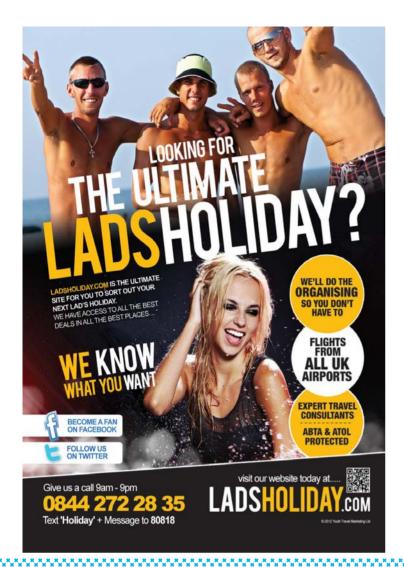




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# THE CLOSEST YOU'LL GET TO THE RING WITHOUT BEING BETWEEN THE ROPES Throwback Of The Year Nominee! Team Foley vs. Team Ziggler Go Old-School At Series When Survivor Series was conceived, the pay-per-view was built around eliminationstyle matches. While the concept has evolved over the years, every once in a while, a match takes place that brings the spirit of the original Survivors bouts roaring back. Such a match took place this year, when Mick Foley assembled a ragtag group of grapplers to take on Dolph Ziggler's crew of roughnecks. It was an epic throwdown that recalled Survivor Series of old, highlighted by some straight-up wrestling between Daniel Bryan and a reinvigorated Wade Barrett. The two traded blows, but unfortunately, even Bryan's formidable skill couldn't win it for his team. 18/11 Survivor Series 88 ELIMINATION CHAMBER ON PAY-PER-VIEW FEBRUARY 17





### The Shirt Locker

John Cena debuted a new T-shirt at Survivor Series celebrating 10 years in WWE. Since we've lost count of how many times he's changed tops, we decided to go back and show you every single one of them!







WWE made it a point to travel

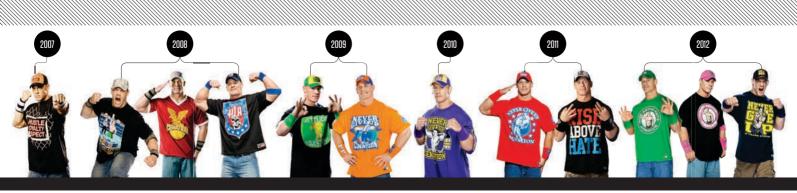
there for the holidays to celebrate with them and honor their many sacrifices for our freedom. This year marked the  $10^{\rm th}$ Tribute, and featured a host of matches that thrilled our warriors, giving them a much-needed respite from their continued service to our country. From The Miz to the Muppets, it was one of our wildest Tributes yet! Here are some highlights:

Ryback misses the days of flattening local competitors. Things got a whole lot more complicated once he started mixing with the big boys. Going up against Del Rio, Ryback found himself dealing with interference from Ricardo Rodriguez, resulting in a DQ finish. Makes one long for the days of carrying two wimps on your shoulders, doesn't it?

### 2. John Cena vs. Antonio Cesaro

The Champ took on the decidedly un-American U.S. Champ in a main-event bout that made us hungry for a full-on rivalry between these two competitors. They say Switzerland is neutral, but we think it's time its representative declared war on the Cenation—if only so we can sit back and enjoy

up to take on Big Show and The Show Off in a hot opener brimming with ill will. Sheamus and Orton fused their abilities to create a devastating offense, so much so that Big Show and Ziggler ducked from the ring to allow for an intentional countout. SmackDown GM Booker T came out to restart the match, however, and The Viper and The Celtic Warrior hit an RKO and Brogue Kick to finish their opponents.



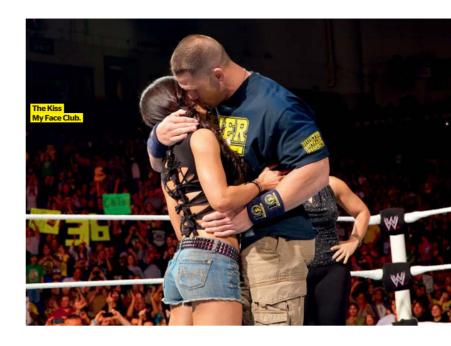




# Unexpected Twist Of The Year Nominee!

John Cena Smooches AJ Lee

Vickie Guerrero couldn't have seen this coming. After weeks of promising to blow the lid off the "AJ scandal," Raw's Managing Supervisor received the shock of her life when, before she could present the evidence, John Cena came out to the ring and planted a kiss on AJ's lips. The sudden smooch was broken up by a sneak attack from Dolph Ziggler, but the cat was out of the bag. Cena attempted to address the situation, but another Ziggler assault derailed him. Could the scandal that rocked 2012 morph into the rivalry that rocks 2013? 19/11, 26/11 Raw



### **Getting Personal**

### re-match.com

Now that AJ Lee and Cena's love life is out in the open, we've devised these online dating profiles that might assist other Superstars and Divas looking for romance.



### Mv self-summarv

I try to not let my past define who I am. I mean, who hasn't been burned before, and who doesn't have demons in their past that they've had to wrestle, literally and figuratively?!? Will you walk through the fire with me?

### What I'm doing with my life

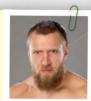
I am the Tag Team Champions.

### The first things people usually notice about me

I want to say my fiery personality, but it's probably my height. Or the

### You should message me if

You're looking for someone with an intense amount of passion-or, the crazier the better.



### My self-summary

I'm a highly motivated individual who's achieved a lot in a short time. But I've been hurt before as well, and it's created some trust issues. Lately I've learned how to get in touch with my feelings, but, if you're going to date me...handle with care.

### What I'm doing with my life

NO! I am the Tag Team Champions.

### The first things people usually notice about me

Is it the beard? Don't say it's the beard. OK...the beard.

### You should message me if

Most guys want a girl who can't say no. Me? I want just the opposite.



### My self-summary

Kind of a work hard/play hard type, but I'm totally over the club scene. Right now I'm focused really hard on work, but it'd be nice to have a man with whom I can share my many triumphs.

### What I'm doing with my life

I'm a special assistant to a highranking executive, but my real job is breaking hearts.

### The first things people usually notice about me

My glasses. Or the fact that I'm not wearing glasses.

### You should message me if

I need a take-careof-business-kind of guy. If you can't change a flat tire, you can't date me.



Zack Ryder

### My self-summary

I'm an LI Broski who also happens the star of his own TV show. WWWYKI!

### What I'm doing with my life

Trying to get over a bad breakup. Once you've been crotched in front of about 80,000 people, it's hard to put vourself out there.

### The first things people usually notice about me

How awesome I am. And that I have Skywalker Ranch stemware.

### You should message me if

You know how to use social media, you don't mind spray-tans, Bud Light Lime or guys who hang out with their dads a lot





# **Underrated** Match Of The Year **Nominee**

Antonio Cesaro vs. R-Truth

Truth had his hopes pinned on a second run with the United States Championship, but he had to get through Antonio Cesaro in order to make it happen. Unfortunately for Truth, The Swiss Superman had no absolutely no intention of relinquishing the gold. Truth's impressive offense was met and countered at every turn by Cesaro's vast array of maneuvers. A European Uppercut and Neutralizer put Truth out of commission for good, ending his dreams of championship gold, but in so doing, he earned the respect of all the members of the WWE Universe for a five-

### **ANTONIO CESARO,** trash-talking R-Truth following their match at Survivor Series. SmackDown, 7/12/12

### **Facial Features**

Can you pick Cody Rhodes's new mustache out of this upper-lip lineup?













ANSWERS: A. Rick Rude; B. Cody Rhodes; C. Magnum T.A.; D. Rick Steiner; E. Mean Gene; F. Big Bully Busick

### **Cesaro's Feats of Strength**

The Swiss Superman certainly lives up to his name. Witness these impressi veshows of muscular fortitude



### RAW. 03/12/12

As Kofi Kingston attempted to land a pinfall on Wade Barrett, Cesaro said, "Oh no you don't," and scooped him up for a lights-out Neutralizer and a 1-2-3.



### RAW, 26/11/12

Although outmuscled by The Celtic Warrior, Cesaro used his strength to the fullest, nailing Sheamus with a gut-wrench suplex that sent him crashing to the mat.



### RAW, 19/11/12

Brodus Clay is a big dude, but that didn't stop Cesaro from felling the beast with a European Uppercut and hoisting him up for a brutal Neutralizer to end it all.



### **Shocker Of The Year Nominee!**

### The Shield Crashes The Thanksgiving Tradition

At Survivor Series, another last-minute intervention came to CM Punk's aid in as many months. As Punk fought off a vengeful Ryback and a charging John Cena, three men laid siege to the ring and powerbombed Ryback through an announce table. In the confusion, Punk was able to slide back into the ring and pin an unconscious Cena to retain the title. The following night, the group announced themselves as The Shield. They claim they're working to preserve justice in WWE. but what they're really after remains a mystery. 18/11 Survivor Series









Days in CM Punk's 5/12/12. His run with the title is in 2006. The only Superstar Randy Savage, who held the title for 371 days back in 1988!

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# 'ABOUT DANNE''

For **Dolph Ziggler**, "stealing the show" went from catchphrase to the new normal. But it came as no surprise to anyone—not us, not the WWE Universe, and least of all The Show Off himself.

BY MAX BAKKE PHOTOGRAPHY BY ERIC JOHNSON

### When are you *not* showing off, other than while sleeping?

I have this chip on my shoulder where I just have to do it, so I can't think of a reasonable time or place where I wouldn't be "showing off." I always have to be the center of attention. I have to be the star.

### So where does that chip comes from? What is the driving force that makes you that way?

I think it's just been a part of me from a very early age—I wanted to be a star. Some people want to go to Hollywood, or be an astronaut or the president, and I wanted to be a WWE Superstar. I thought I could combine some great athleticism, some great storytelling ability, and a love of the spotlight all in one package. I want to be the best at being the best.

# After winning the Money In The Bank Ladder Match in July, you shouted: "It's about damn time!" It felt like it was not only a exclamation from you regarding how far you've come, but for Ziggler fans who keep waiting for everyone else to catch up with how talented you are. What was on your mind in that moment?

I can only speak up so much—whether it's back-stage or on Twitter and in interviews—and if I didn't think I was this good, then I wouldn't keep telling people to put me in these situations. I've been saying for years that I deserve to be there, and I value my word as something that truly means something. That's why that came out. It's about damn time that people woke up to what just about everyone in the world had already known.

### Despite your villainous, braggadocio nature, the WWE Universe still loves you. Is it hard to be a "bad guy" with so many admirers?

I hate a crowd getting behind me. Even if it's just to say, "This guy deserves to win a match." I understand it, but I don't want their help, and I don't need their help. But I'll say, "I get it, now shut the hell up and let me get back to doing my job."

# Your career path in WWE seems to have run counter to a lot of the roller-coaster rides we've seen with other young Superstars. Dolph Ziggler has been on a steady climb. Do you feel that this has worked to your benefit?

In a weird way, this business is like that for almost everybody, and in tiny ways, that's happened to me. One week, you're told that you're one of the greatest Superstars of all time; and the next week, you're being told that you don't know the basics. For me, it's been about being able to morph and cross over and do different things. So it's been a steady climb, over the years, and finally it's getting to a point where it's going to have to jump, or drop all the way to the ground, and I appreciate the opportunities that WWE has given me to sink or swim because I've killed it even in the tiniest opportunities thus far. But when finally WWE gives me that big moment, I'm hoping to re-invent the entire business.

### If given the chance to do that in one of many stipulation matches, for example, which bout would you love the opportunity to re-invent?

That's tricky, because I love stipulation matches, but

I also love an old-fashioned Iron Man Match. In this day and age, it would be great not only to prove that I could contest that kind of match, but also to prove that people would even want to see it. That's a long time spent on two guys and one match. I want people to feel that they just watched a 60-minute movie and were on the edge of their seat the whole time. Again, that's why I have that chip on my shoulder. It's hard enough to stand out over two or three minutes, but to do it for an hour is a different story.

### Who's the Superstar on the roster you feel can help you reach the top? Not by being your ally, but by being your opponent?

John Cena. No matter who's champ, he's the franchise. Love him or hate him, members of the WWE Universe know him. And when you're out there with him, it's a different kind of ball game. We are two opposite people and I can't say that enough, and sometimes I hate his guts so much that even when I'm at home, I want to beat him up. We do not see things the same way, but we both have the same goal: to make this company No. 1 in the world.

### But finally, give us a little humility for once: what's the absolute worst thing that you do?

I don't listen...to a point where if I think something's right, I'll go ahead and do it anyway, and it'll be the wrong thing to do. That's what's holding me back. I tell myself how great I am, but sometimes I'm wrong. Some people have been here a lot longer, and sometimes they're going to be right, and damn it, I'm going to have to pay attention to that.







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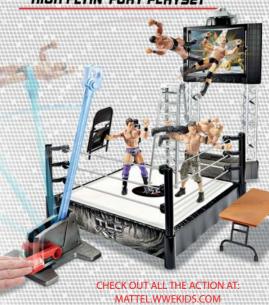
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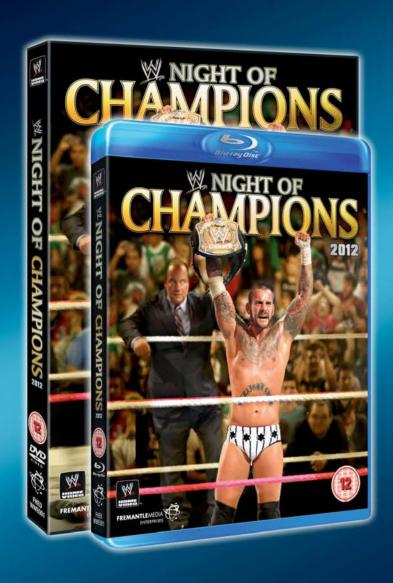
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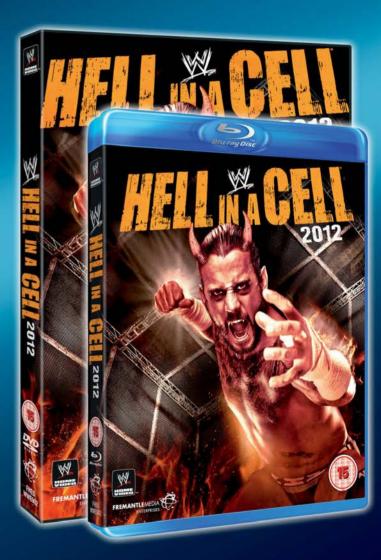


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